

## Recombinant Rat Beta-defensin 4 (rRtBD-4)

## **PrimeGene Technical Data Sheet**

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**Source:** Escherichia coli.

**Molecular Weight:** Approximately 4.4 kDa, a single non-glycosylated polypeptide chain containing 41 amino acids.

**Quantity:**  $5\mu g/20\mu g/1000\mu g$ 

AA Sequence: QSINNPITCL TKGGVCWGPC TGGFRQIGTC GLPRVRCCKK K

**Purity:** > 95 % by SDS-PAGE and HPLC analyses.

Biological Activity: Fully biologically active when compared to standard. The biologically active determined by a

chemotaxis bioassay using human monocytes is in a concentration range of 0.1-100.0 ng/ml.

**Physical Appearance:** Sterile Filtered White lyophilized (freeze-dried) powder.

Formulation: Lyophilized from a 0.2 μm filtered concentrated solution in 10 mM PB, pH 7.4, 500 mM NaCl.

**Endotoxin:** Less than 1 EU/μg of rRtBD-4 as determined by LAL method.

**Reconstitution:** We recommend that this vial be briefly centrifuged prior to opening to bring the contents to the

bottom. Reconstitute in sterile distilled water or aqueous buffer containing 0.1 % BSA to a concentration of 0.1-1.0 mg/ml. Stock solutions should be apportioned into working aliquots and

stored at  $\leq$  -20 °C. Further dilutions should be made in appropriate buffered solutions.

**Shipping:** The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature

recommended below.

Stability & Storage: Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

• 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.

• 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

• 3 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

Usage: This material is offered by Shanghai PrimeGene Bio-Tech for research, laboratory or further

evaluation purposes. NOT FOR HUMAN USE.

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Defensins (alpha and beta) are cationic peptides with antimicrobial activity against Gram-negative and Gram-positive bacteria, fungi, and enveloped viruses. They are 2-6 kDa proteins and take important roles in innate immune system. On the basis of their size and pattern of disulfide bonding, mammalian defensins are classified into alpha, beta and theta categories.  $\beta$ -Defensins are expressed on some leukocytes and at epithelial surfaces. They contain a six-cysteine motif that forms three intra-molecular disulfide bonds. Because  $\beta$ -defensins are cationic peptides, they can therefore interact with the membrane of invading microbes, which are negative due to lipopolysaccharides (LPS) and lipoteichoic acid (LTA) found in the cell membrane. Especially, they have higher affinity to the binding site compared to Ca<sup>2+</sup> and Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions. Furthermore, they can affect the stability of the membrane. Additionally, they are not only have the ability to strengthen the innate immune system but can also enhance the adaptive immune system by chemotaxis of monocytes, T-lymphocytes, dendritic cells and mast cells to the infection site.

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