

Recombinant Bovine FGF2

Product Part Number: FGF2-221

Meet Your Product

Product Details	FGF2 is a member of the FGF family (one of 23). ¹ Bovine FGF2 is a single, non-glycosylated, polypeptide chain containing 155 amino acids with molecular mass of 17.3 kDa. The FGF family of proteins drive broad mitogenic and cell survival activities including cell proliferation, differentiation, survival, and apoptosis. ² FGF2 binds to the FGF receptor (FGFR) members, and activates downstream signaling proteins, like ERK1/2. ³⁴⁵
Synonyms	Fibroblast growth factor basic; Heparin-binding growth factor 2 (HBGF2); Prostatropin
Sequence (monomer)	>sp P03969 FGF2_BOVINE MAAGSITTLPALPEDGGSGAFPPGHFKDPKRLYCKNGGFFLRIHPDGRVDGVREKSDP HIKLQLQAEERGVVSIKGVCANRYLAMKEDGRLLASKCVTDECFERLESNNYNTYR SRKYSSWYVALKRTGQYKLGPKTGPQKAILFLPMSAKS
Formulation	Lyophilized protein from 0.22 µm filtered solution in PBS, pH 7.4
Purity & Identity	Verified by SDS PAGE to be >95% pure
Endotoxin	Below threshold of <1 EU/µg
Protein Content	Concentration verified by total protein assay
Biological Activity	Determined by proliferation of NIH-3T3 cells and binding to receptor via SPR
Application	Research Use Only. Not for diagnostic or therapeutic applications

Storage & Handling

Products are lyophilized and shipped at ambient temperature. Please follow the storage and handling instructions below after receiving the product.

Storage	Store at 5 ± 3°C upon receipt.
Stability	Activity assured (assessed by cell proliferation assay) as supplied for 12 months from the date of manufacturing.
Reconstitution	Gently tap down the vial to ensure that all lyophilisate is collected at the bottom of the vial. Reconstitute the product in PBS to at least 100 µg/mL by gently pipetting the solution down the sides of the vial. Avoid vigorous shaking that can



	cause foaming and protein denaturation. Keep on ice. Aliquot and store at $5 \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ for up to 2 weeks or at $< -20^{\circ}\text{C}$ for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles by aliquoting reconstituted products.
Recommendation	As an additional precaution, after adding reconstituted products to media, filter-sterilize before use in cell culture.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are there any cross-species activity with this growth factor?

Yes, bovine FGF2 shares 99% sequence homology with human FGF2; expected cross reactivity against human, rat, porcine, mouse, chicken, horse and other mammalian systems.

2. Why can't I see a pellet in the vial?

Lyophilized powder may not be visible for many reasons including, but not limited to, dislodged powder being stuck on the cap or lack of carrier proteins that make the product difficult to see. Please tap or centrifuge the vial to bring all the material down to the bottom and reconstitute the product as outlined above.

3. Are there any stability concerns with freeze thawing?

Repeated freeze thawing is not recommended, as this may damage the protein products resulting in reduced functionality. After reconstitution, please aliquot into suitable sizes for one time use and freeze.

4. Can I add BSA as a carrier?

Yes. Adding a carrier protein like Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA 0.1%) enhances protein stability, increases shelf-life, and allows the recombinant protein to be stored at a more dilute concentration.

5. Is this protein bioactive?

Yes, this protein was tested for activity on its cognate receptor via SPR, as well as proliferation of NIH3T3 cells.

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