

Diphtheria Toxin, functional

01-517 200 µg

Shipping and Storage temperature: Shipp with ice pack or dry ice and store at -20°C or at -80°C

Applications:

- 1) Inhibition of protein synthesis in eucaryotic cells
- 2) Negative selection agent for ES cells in construction of transgenic mouse (Yagi, T. *et al.* "A novel negative selection for homologous recombinants using diphtheria toxin A fragment gene." *Anal. Biochem.* **214**:77-86,1993 PMID: [8250258](#))
- 3) Putative drug for treatment of malignant tumors such as leukemia
- 4) Antigen for Western blotting and ELISA
- 5) As a marker of Diphtheria toxin in SDS-PAGE

Product: Highly purified diphtheria toxin from the growth media of *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* strain PW8 by the method described in Ref.1.

Form: 2~5 mg/ml (depending on lot) in 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.2), 150 mM NaCl, 10% Glycerol

Purity: More than 95% purity by SDS-PAGE

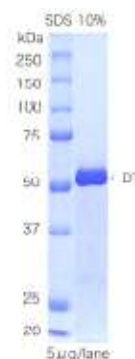
Activity test: Addition of 20 ~30 µg/ml of Diphtheria toxin in growth medium caused 50% lethality after 43 h in Vero cells.

Background: Diphtheria toxin purified from the growth media of *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* is mostly unnicked form. Diphtheria toxin is a single polypeptide chain of 535 amino acids (58 kDa) and nicked by cellular protease like furin to give fragments A (N-terminal, 21 kDa) and B (C-terminal, 37 kDa) which are linked by disulfide bridges. Binding to the cell surface of frgment B allows fragment A to penetrate the host cell. Fragment A catalyzes the ADP-ribosylation of eucaryotic elongation factor-2 (eEF2) by using NAD as a substrate, thus inactivating eEF2 and inhibiting protein synthesis.

Data Link: UniProtKB/TrEMBL [Q5PY51](#) (Q5PY51_CORDI)

References:

1. Uchida T, et al. Diphtheria toxin and related proteins. I. Isolation and properties of mutant proteins serologically related to diphtheria toxin. *J Biol Chem.* 1973 Jun 10;248(11):3838-44. PMID: [4196584](#)
2. Pappenheimer A "Diphtheria toxin." *Annu Rev Biochem* **46**:69-94 (1977) PMID: [20040](#)



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Fig.1 SDS-PAGE of Diphtheria toxin

Material Safety Data Sheet

Diphtheria Toxin

Harzardous Ingradient

On a weight basis, Diphtheria toxin constitutes >95% of the total mass in 1 mg/ml protein solution.

Health Hazard Data

The MLD (Minimal Lethal Dose) in human is ≤ 100 ng/kg when injected intramuscularly in an unimmunized adult.

Emergency Procedure

The toxin is less effective when it is administered orally, because it is unstable at acid pH in stomach. If skin pricking occurs accidentally, bleed and perform vigorous flushing of the area with large amounts of water. If injection occurs, seek a physician' attention immediately.

Handling

It should be handled carefully by persons with expertise in knowledge and techniques for the safe handling of Diphtheria toxin. Avoid mouth pipetting. Wear protective gloves when handling the toxin. Avoid contact with open wounds. Wash thoroughly any area of the body that makes contact with the toxin. It is recommended that persons who handle the toxin are immunized by diphtheria vaccine.

Inactivation

The toxin can be inactivated by exposing acids below pH 1 or pH above 12, followed by boiling for 30 min.