

BACTERIAL TOXINS FOR RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY

PRODUCT INFORMATION

ADENYLATE CYCLASE TOXIN from *Bordetella pertussis*

Adenylate cyclase toxin-hemolysin (ACT, AC-Hly, or CyaA) is an important virulence factor for *Bordetella pertussis*. Adenylate cyclase toxin is a large (178 kDa), 1,706 amino acid, toxin consisting of an amino-terminal adenylate cyclase (AC) domain of 400 residues and a repeat toxin (RTX) moiety of 1,306 residues. Sequences within the RTX domain are responsible for target binding, pore-formation and calcium binding. Also located within this domain are two lysine residues which undergo post-translational modification by acylation (1).

Adenylate cyclase toxin targets sentinel cells of the host's innate immune system. It penetrates a variety of immune cells and, when activated by calmodulin, catalyzes conversion of cellular ATP to cyclic AMP (cAMP), interfering with cell signaling and with the anti-bacterial activity of phagocytes. ACT acts on phagocytes by limiting their ability to produce oxidative burst and kill bacteria through complement or antibodies (2, 3). The entire ACT protein is necessary for adenylate cyclase delivery into cells (4).

In the intoxication process, the Hly portion of the toxin binds to CR3 receptors on target cells (CD11b⁺) and allows translocation of the ACT enzyme into the cell. Within the target cell, adenylate cyclase rapidly produces extremely high levels of cAMP, disabling the immune cell (5, 6). At a lower efficiency, adenylate cyclase-hemolysin can penetrate cells lacking the CR3 receptor and create cAMP (7). In addition to binding target cells, ACT is able to form small cation-selective pores in cytoplasmic membranes, causing hemolysis in erythrocytes (8).

A non-enzymatic, genetically detoxified ACT toxoid (CyaA-AC⁻) has been produced (9). Although the catalytic activity in this toxoid is destroyed, it is still cell invasive and able to induce an immune response to co-administered pertussis antigens (10, 11, 12). This toxoid has been shown to be capable of delivering vaccine antigens into the cytosol of major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class I antigen-presenting cells (13). CyaA-AC⁻ toxoid has been used as a tool to deliver antigens to T cells in anti-cancer immunotherapeutic vaccines (9, 14, 15).

List Labs provides several variations of the *B. pertussis* Adenylate Cyclase Toxin. Most recently, List Labs has prepared a new formulation of the lyophilized Adenylate Cyclase Toxin, Recombinant, Product #188. Upon request, this product may also be obtained as a liquid (Product #188L). Additionally, samples are available of the genetically detoxified CyaA-AC⁻ toxoid (Product #198L) and of an especially low endotoxin preparation of Adenylate Cyclase Toxin, Recombinant. Adenylate Cyclase Antigen, Native from *Bordetella pertussis* (Product #189), is also available. Contact List Labs to request any of these products.

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Ordering Information

Product No.	Description	Size
188	Adenylate Cyclase Toxin, Recombinant	50 µg
188L	Adenylate Cyclase Toxin, Recombinant, Liquid	50 µg
189	Adenylate Cyclase Antigen, Native from <i>Bordetella pertussis</i>	50 µg
197L	Adenylate Cyclase, Recombinant, Reduced Endotoxin, Frozen Liquid	50 µg
198L	Adenylate Cyclase Toxoid, Recombinant, Liquid	50 µg
173B	Edema Factor (EF), Recombinant, from <i>Bacillus anthracis</i>	0.5 mg

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