

Recombinant Bovine BTC

Catalog No. ARU020 **Quantity**: 20 μg

Alternate Names: Betacellulin, Bcn

Description: Bovine Betacellulin (BTC), a member of the EGF family, is an 80 amino acid heparin-

binding protein. Like other members of the EGF family, it is synthesized as a

transmembrane precursor. The soluble cytokine, containing one EGF structural motif, is released by proteolytic cleavage. BTC can bind to the EGF receptor (ErbB-1) which then dimerizes with another member of the ErbB receptor family to signal through the tyrosine kinase pathway. BTC is a potent mitogen for Balb/c 3T3 fibroblasts, retinal pigment epithelial cells and vascular smooth muscle cells and is the only member of the EGF

family to stimulate insulin secretion in pancreatic b cells.

Gene ID: 280737

Protein Accession No: NP_776321

Source: E. coli

Molecular Weight: 8.995 kDa

Formulation: Lyophilized from 0.05 M acetic acid + 0.05% (v/v) trifluoroacetic acid and stored under

dry nitrogen at a slight vacuum (~25 kPa)

Purity: > 95% bovine betacellulin, comprising an equal mixture of [Gly1]BTC and Des(1-4)BTC

Endotoxin Level: < 0.1 ng/µg of BTC

Biological Activity: Determined by cell growth bioassay in Balb/c 3T3 fibroblasts. The ED₅₀ is < 10 ng/ml.

Reconstitution: See Protocol #1500

Storage & Stability: Lyophilized protein is stable for 2 years at 2-4°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

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