

## CD8 alpha Protein, Rat (HEK293, Fc)

Cat. No.:	HY-P74267
Synonyms:	T-cell surface glycoprotein CD8 alpha chain; CD8a; CD8A; MAL
Species:	Rat
Source:	HEK293
Accession:	P07725 (Q27-Y189)
Gene ID:	24930
Molecular Weight:	Approximately 50-56 kDa due to the glycosylation.

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AA Sequence	QLQLSPKKVD AEIGQEVKLT CEVLRDTSQG CSWLFRNSSS ELLQPTFIIY VSSSRSKLND ILDPNLFSAR KENNKYILTL SKFSTKNQGY YFCSITSNSV MYFSPLVPVF QKVNSIITKP VTRAPTPVPP PTGTPRPLRP EACRPGASGS VEGMGLGFAC DIY
Biological Activity	Measured by its ability of the immobilized protein to support the adhesion of Jurkat human acute T cell leukemia cells. The ED <sub>50</sub> for this effect is 2.584 μg/mL, corresponding to a specific activity is 387.0 units/mg.
Appearance	Lyophilized powder.
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 μm filtered solution of PBS, pH 7.4.
Endotoxin Level	<1 EU/ $\mu$ g, determined by LAL method.
Reconsititution	It is not recommended to reconstitute to a concentration less than 100 μg/mL in ddH <sub>2</sub> O. For long term storage it is recommended to add a carrier protein (0.1% BSA, 5% HSA, 10% FBS or 5% Trehalose).
Storage & Stability	Stored at -20°C for 2 years. After reconstitution, it is stable at 4°C for 1 week or -20°C for longer (with carrier protein). It is recommended to freeze aliquots at -20°C or -80°C for extended storage.
Shipping	Room temperature in continental US; may vary elsewhere.

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Background	The CD8 alpha protein, an integral membrane glycoprotein, plays a pivotal role in the immune response, serving multiple functions in responses against both external and internal threats. In T-cells, it functions primarily as a coreceptor for the MHC class I molecule:peptide complex, interacting simultaneously with the T-cell receptor (TCR) and the MHC class I proteins presented by antigen-presenting cells (APCs). This interaction facilitates the recruitment of the Src kinase LCK to

the vicinity of the TCR-CD3 complex. LCK, in turn, initiates various intracellular signaling pathways by phosphorylating diverse substrates, ultimately leading to lymphokine production, motility, adhesion, and the activation of cytotoxic T-lymphocytes (CTLs). This mechanism enables CTLs to recognize and eliminate infected cells and tumor cells. In NK-cells, the presence of CD8A homodimers at the cell surface provides a survival mechanism, allowing the conjugation and lysis of multiple target cells. CD8A homodimer molecules also contribute to the survival and differentiation of activated lymphocytes into memory CD8 T-cells. CD8 alpha forms disulfide-linked heterodimers with CD8B at the cell surface and also homodimers in various cell types, including NK-cells and peripheral blood T-lymphocytes. Additionally, it interacts with the MHC class I HLA-A/B2M dimer and associates with LCK in a zinc-dependent manner.

## Caution: Product has not been fully validated for medical applications. For research use only.

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