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# **Recombinant Human RBP4 Protein (His Tag)**

Catalog No. PKSH031655

Note: Centrifuge before opening to ensure complete recovery of vial contents.

### **Description**

Synonyms RDCCAS; Retinol-Binding Protein 4; Plasma Retinol-Binding

Protein;PRBP;RBP;RBP4

Species Human

Expression HostHEK293 CellsSequenceMet 1-Leu 201AccessionNP\_006735.2

Calculated Molecular Weight23 kDaObserved molecular weight23 kDaTagC-His

**Bioactivity** Measured by its ability to bind all-trans retinoic acid. The binding of retinoic acid

results in the quenching of Trp fluorescence in RBP4. The 50% binding

concentration (BC50) is  $> 1.0 \mu M$ 

### **Properties**

**Purity** > 85 % as determined by reducing SDS-PAGE.

**Endotoxin** < 1.0 EU per µg of the protein as determined by the LAL method.

**Storage** Generally, lyophilized proteins are stable for up to 12 months when stored at -20 to

-80°C. Reconstituted protein solution can be stored at 4-8°C for 2-7 days. Aliquots

of reconstituted samples are stable at < -20°C for 3 months.

**Shipping** This product is provided as lyophilized powder which is shipped with ice packs.

**Formulation** Lyophilized from sterile PBS, pH 7.2

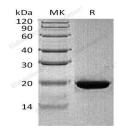
Normally 5 % - 8 % trehalose, mannitol and 0.01% Tween80 are added as

protectants before lyophilization.

Please refer to the specific buffer information in the printed manual.

**Reconstitution** Please refer to the printed manual for detailed information.

#### Data



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# **Background**

Retinol-binding protein 4 (RBP4) is the specific carrier for retinol (also known as vitamin A); and is responsible for the conversion of unstable and insoluble retinol in aqueous solution into stable and soluble complex in plasma through their tight interaction. As a member of the lipocalin superfamily; RBP4 containing a β-barrel structure with a well-defined cavity is secreted from the liver; and in turn delivers retinol from the liver stores to the peripheral tissues. In plasma; the RBP4-retinol complex interacts with transthyretin (TTR); and this binding is crucial for preventing RBP4 excretion through the kidney glomeruli. RBP4 expressed from an ectopic source efficiently delivers retinol to the eyes; and its deficiency affects night vision largely. Recently; RBP4 as an adipokine; is found to be expressed in adipose tissue and correlated with obesity; insulin resistance (IR) and type 2 diabetes (T2DM).

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