# **USP21** CD(196-565) [GST-tagged]

**Deconjugating enzyme:** Deubiquitylase

Alternate Names: USP23, Ubiquitin carboxyl terminal hydrolase 21, Ubiquitin carboxyl terminal hydrolase 23, Ubiquitin specific protease 21, Ubiquitin specific protease 23, Ubiquitin thioesterase 21, Ubiquitin thioesterase 23

**Cat. No. 64-0037-050** Quantity: 50 μg **Lot. No. 30396** Storage: -70°C

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## **Background**

Deconjugating enzymes (DCEs) are proteases that process ubiquitin or ubiquitin-like gene products, reverse the modification of proteins by a single ubiquitin or ubiquitin-like protein (UBL) and remodel polyubiquitin (or poly-UBL) chains on target proteins (Reyes-Turcu et al., 2009). The deubiquitylating – or deubiquitinating – enzymes (DUBs) represent the largest family of DCEs and regulate ubiquitin dependent signalling pathways. The activities of the DUBs include the generation of free ubiquitin from precursor molecules, the recycling of ubiquitin following substrate degradation to maintain cellular ubiquitin homeostasis and the removal of ubiquitin or ubiquitin-like proteins (UBL) modifications through chain editing to rescue proteins from proteasomal degradation or to influence cell signalling events (Komander et al., 2009). There are two main classes of DUB, cysteine proteases and metalloproteases. Ubiguitin specific protease 21 (USP21) is a member of the cysteine protease enzyme family and cloning of the gene was first described by Gong et al. (2000). USP21 cleaves ubiquitin polymers, and with reduced activity also targets the UBL ISG15 but not NEDD8 (Ye et al., 2011). USP21 has been shown to be involved in the regulation of transcriptional initiation through the deubiquitylation of histone H2A as well as playing a role in the regulation of tumour necrosis factor  $\alpha$  (TNF $\alpha$ ) induced nuclear factor κβ (NF-κβ) activation by deubiquitylat-

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## **Physical Characteristics**

Species: human

Source: E. coli

Quantity: 50 μg

Concentration: 0.5 mg/ml

Formulation: 50 mM HEPES pH 7.5,

150 mM sodium chloride, 2 mM dithiothreitol, 10% glycerol

Molecular Weight: ~67.5 kDa

Purity: >79% by InstantBlue™ SDS-PAGE

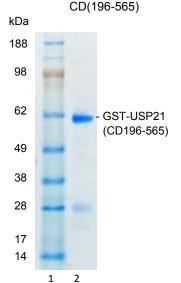
Stability/Storage: 12 months at -70°C;

aliquot as required

## **Quality Assurance**

### **Purity:**

4-12% gradient SDS-PAGE InstantBlue™ staining Lane 1: MW markers Lane 2: 1 µg GST-USP21



### **Protein Identification:**

Confirmed by mass spectrometry.

### Deubiquitylase Enzyme Assay:

The activity of GST-USP21 CD(196-565) was validated by determining the increase in fluorescence measured as a result of the enzyme catalysed cleavage of the fluorogenic substrate Ubiquitin-Rhodamine110-Glycine generating Ubiquitin and Rhodamine110-Glycine. Incubation of the substrate in the presence or absence of GST-USP21 CD(196-565) was compared confirming the deubiquitylating activity of GST-USP21 CD(196-565).



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ing receptor-interacting protein 1 (RIP1) (Nakagawa et al., 2008; Xu et al., 2010). Proteomic analyses also identified microtubule affinity-regulating (MARK) protein kinases and phosphatases as USP21 interactors, suggesting roles for USP21 in cell signalling (Li et al., 2005). In a recent screen of 66 DUBs tagged with green fluorescent protein, USP21 association with both centrosomes and microtubules (Urbe et al., 2012).

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### Physical Characteristics

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### **Protein Sequence:**

**MSPILGYWKIKGLVQPTRLLLEYLEEKYEEHLYERDEG** DKWRNKKFELGLEFPNLPYYIDGDVKLTQSMAIIRYI **ADKHNMLGGCPKERAEISMLEGAVLDIRYGVSRIAY** SKDFETLKVDFLSKLPEMLKMFEDRLCHKTYLNGDH VTHPDFMLYDALDVVLYMDPMCLDAFPKLVCFKKRI **EAIPQIDKYLKSSKYIAWPLQGWQATFGGGDHPPKS DS**DDKMAHHTLLLGSGHVGLRNLGNTCFLNAVLQCL SSTRPLRDFCLRRDFRQEVPGGGRAQELTEAFADVIG ALWHPDSCEAVNPTRFRAVFQKYVPSFSGYSQQDAQ EFLKLLMERLHLEINRRGRRAPPILANGPVPSPPRRGG was found to be unique by showing clear ALLEEPELSDDDRANLMWKRYLEREDSKIVDLFVGQL KSCLKCQACGYRSTTFEVFCDLSLPIPKKGFAGGKVSLR DCFNLFTKEEELESENAPVCDRCRQKTRSTKKLTVQRF PRILVLHLNRFSASRGSIKKSSVGVDFPLQRLSLGDFAS DKAGSPVYQLYALCNHSGSVHYGHYTALCRCQTGWH VYNDSRVSPVSENQVASSEGYVLFYQLMQEPPRCL

Tag (bold text): N-terminal GST

USP21 (regular text): Start bold italics (amino acid

residues 196-565)

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