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# **Product Information**

BAX, GST-tagged, human recombinant, expressed in *E. Coli* cells

Catalog Number **SRP5166** Storage Temperature –70 °C

## **Product Description**

BAX is a proapoptotic protein of the BCL2 protein family. BAX forms a heterodimer with BCL2 and functions as an apoptotic activator. BAX interacts with and increases the opening of the mitochondrial voltage-dependent anion channel (VDAC), which leads to the loss in the mitochondrial membrane potential and the release of cytochrome c. The expression of BAX gene is regulated by the tumor suppressor p53 and BAX has been shown to be involved in p53-mediated apoptosis. Multiple alternatively spliced transcript variants, which encode different isoforms, have been reported for this gene. <sup>2</sup>

Recombinant full-length human BAX was expressed in *E. coli* cells using an N-terminal GST tag. The gene accession number is NM\_004324. Recombinant protein stored in 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 10 mM glutathione, 0.1 mM EDTA, 0.25 mM DTT, 0.1 mM PMSF, and 25% glycerol.

Molecular mass: ~49 kDa

Purity: 70–95% (SDS-PAGE, see Figure 1)

### **Precautions and Disclaimer**

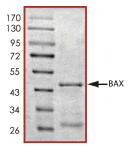
This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

## Storage/Stability

The product ships on dry ice and storage at -70 °C is recommended. After opening, aliquot into smaller quantities and store at -70 °C. Avoid repeated handling and multiple freeze/thaw cycles.

Figure 1.

SDS-PAGE Gel of Typical Lot 70–95% (densitometry)



#### References

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