

# Rb-C Fusion Protein

Concentration: 0.5 mg/ml

- Small 0.1 mg
- Large 0.5 mg

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**Description:** Rb-C (retinoblastoma protein C-terminus) Fusion Protein serves as a useful substrate for various cyclin-dependent kinases (CDK's) (8,9,11). It is expressed as a recombinant protein fusion of Rb residues 701–928 and maltose binding protein. The phosphorylation sites present in this C-terminal portion of Rb include Ser780 (8), Ser795 (9) and Ser807/811 (11).

**Background:** The retinoblastoma tumor suppressor protein, Rb, regulates cell proliferation by controlling progression through the restriction point within the G1-phase of the cell cycle (1). Rb has three functionally distinct binding domains and interacts with critical regulatory proteins including the E2F family of transcription factors, c-Abl tyrosine kinase and proteins with a conserved LXCXE motif (2–4). Cell cycle-dependent phosphorylation by CDK's inhibits Rb target binding, thus allowing cell cycle progression (5). Rb inactivation and subsequent cell cycle progression likely requires first phosphorylation by cyclin D-CDK4/6 followed by cyclin E-CDK2 phosphorylation (6). Specificity of different CDK/cyclin complexes has been observed *in vitro* (6–8) and cyclin D1 is required for Ser780 phosphorylation *in vivo* (9).

**Source/Purification:** Recombinant protein fusion of Rb residues 701–928 and maltose binding protein.

**Quality Assurance:** The purified protein was resolved on two identical SDS-polyacrylamide gels. One was stained with Coomassie brilliant blue and the other was blotted to PVDF membrane and the protein band detected using Rb antibody. Greater than 95% of the observable protein was identified as the Rb-C Fusion Protein by apparent molecular weight (68 kDa), and only one band was identified by immunoblotting.

**Purification:** Purified by the pMAL Protein Purification System (New England Biolabs #E8000S).

**Apparent Molecular Weight:** 76 kDa

**Activity:** Rb-C Fusion Protein at a concentration of 2 µg/20 µl reaction can be phosphorylated using cdc2 Protein Kinase (NEB #P6020) in an *in vitro* kinase assay with 1X Kinase Buffer #9802 and 200 µM ATP #9804. After 30 minutes at 30°C, phosphorylation can be detected by Western blot with Phospho-Rb (Ser795) Antibody #9301.

### Background References:

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**Storage:** Supplied in 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5 at 25°C), 50 mM NaCl, 2 mM Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA, 1 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) and 50% glycerol. Store at -20°C.

### Companion Products:

- Kinase Buffer (10X) #9802
- ATP (10 mM) #9804
- Phospho-Rb (Ser795) Antibody #9301
- Phospho-Rb (Ser780) Antibody #9307
- Phospho-Rb (Ser807/811) Antibody #9308
- PhosphoPlus® Rb (Ser780, Ser795, Ser807/811) Antibody Kit #9300
- Rb (4H1) Mouse mAb #9309
- Rb Antibody Sampler Kit #9969

