

Background

C-reactive protein (CRP) is a protein found in the blood, the levels of which rise in response to inflammation (i.e. CRP is an acute-phase protein). CRP was first identified as a substance in the serum of patients with acute inflammation that reacted with the C-polysaccharide of *Pneumococcus*. Its physiological role is to bind to phosphocholine expressed on the surface of dead or dying cells (and some types of bacteria) in order to activate the complement system via the C1Q complex.^[1] CRP is synthesized by the liver^[2] in response to factors released by macrophages and fat cells (adipocytes).^[3] It is a member of the pentraxin family of proteins.^[2] C-reactive protein was the first pattern recognition receptor (PRR) to be identified.^[4] CRP rises up to 50,000-fold in acute inflammation, such as infection. It rises above normal limits within 6 hours, and peaks at 48 hours. Its half-life is constant, and therefore its level is mainly determined by the rate of production (and hence the severity of the precipitating cause).

CRP is used mainly as a marker of inflammation and infection. Measuring CRP level is a screen for infectious and inflammatory diseases. Rapid, marked increases in CRP occur with inflammation, infection, trauma and tissue necrosis, malignancies, and autoimmune disorders. Because there are a large number of disparate conditions that can increase CRP production, an elevated CRP level does not diagnose a specific disease. An elevated CRP level can provide support for the presence of an inflammatory disease, such as rheumatoid arthritis, polymyalgia rheumatica or giant-cell arteritis. However, CRP level is an independent risk factor for atherosclerotic disease. Patients with high CRP concentrations are more likely to develop stroke, myocardial infarction, and severe peripheral vascular disease.^[5]

Reference

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Genorise® Recombinant Human CRP

Catalog #: GR119161

Description

Size: 10 µg

Source: *E coli* derived

Component: Met1-Pro224

Accession # P02741

Predicted Molecular Mass: 25 kDa (monomer)

Specifications

SDS-PAGE: 25 kDa, reducing conditions

Purity: >95%, by SDSPAGE under reducing conditions and visualized by silver stain.

Formulation: Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered PBS with BSA as carrier protein at 5 µg/ µg.

Preparation and Storage

Reconstitution: Reconstitute at 100 µg/mL in sterile PBS.

Shipping: The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.

Stability & Storage: Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze thaw cycles.

- 6 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70°C as supplied.
- 3 months, -20 to -70°C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

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