

# Ubiquitin (synthetic)

## Modifying Protein

Alternate Names: Ribosomal Protein S27a, CEP80, UBA80, UBCEP1, UBCEP80, HUBCEP80, RPS27A

Cat. No. **60-0200-050**  
Lot. No. **30359**

Quantity: **50 µg**  
Storage: **-70°C**

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## Background

Ubiquitin (Ub) is a highly conserved 76 amino-acid protein found throughout eukaryotic cells. A vast number of cellular processes, including targeted protein degradation, cell cycle progression, DNA repair, protein trafficking, inflammatory response, virus budding, and receptor endocytosis, are regulated by Ub-mediated signalling; where the target protein is tagged by single or multi-monomeric Ub (monomeric Ub attached to multiple sites on the substrate) or a polymeric chain of Ubs (Fushman and Walker, 2010). This post-translational modification is tightly controlled by an enzymatic cascade involving several enzymes (E1, E2, and E3) and occurs through either an isopeptide bond between the C-terminal Glycyl residue of Ub and the epsilon amino group of a Lysyl residue on a target protein or through a peptide bond between the C-terminal Glycyl residue of Ub and the N-terminal amine on a further Ub. In the former (isopeptide bond-linked) case the substrate protein may either be ubiquitin itself – thus leading to the generation of poly-ubiquitin chains – or another target protein (Fushman *et al.*, 2010). Thus, ubiquitin can be attached to a substrate either as a monomer or as a poly-ubiquitin chain. Further – depending on their linkage type (M1, K6, K11, K27, K29, K33, K48 and K63 linked) – the Ub chains can take different structural forms. Chains containing all eight possible Ub linkages have been found in living cells

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## Physical Characteristics

**Species:** human

**Source:** synthetic

**Quantity:** 50 µg

**Concentration:** 1 mg/ml

**Formulation:** 50 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 150 mM sodium chloride, 2 mM dithiothreitol, 10% glycerol, 2% DMSO

**Molecular Weight:** 8.645 kDa

**Purity:** >98% by InstantBlue™ SDS-PAGE

**Stability/Storage:** 12 months at -70°C; aliquot as required

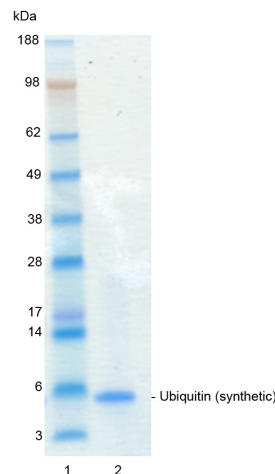
### Protein Sequence:

**MQIFVKTLTGKTITLEVEPSDTIENVKAKIQDKE  
GIPPDQQRLLIFAGKQLEDGRITLSDYNIQKESTL  
HLVLRRLGG**

Ubiquitin (regular text)  
Start **bold italics** (amino acid residues 1-76)  
Accession number: P62990.1

## Quality Assurance

**Purity:**  
4-12% gradient SDS-PAGE  
InstantBlue™ staining  
Lane 1: MW markers  
Lane 2: 1 µg Ubiquitin (synthetic)



### Protein Identification:

Confirmed by mass spectrometry.

### Activity Assay:

See page 2.

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and different ubiquitin chain types may encode different biological signals, allowing this single protein to mediate many diverse functions (Komander 2009; Weeks *et al.*, 2009; Walczak *et al.*, 2012). The functionality of Ub chains is most commonly associated with their attachment to substrate proteins but there is also evidence that they may also play a role in cellular signalling as free chains (Braten *et al.*, 2012).

Ubiquitin also acts as a second messenger in the proteasomal degradation pathway. In a dual mechanism, the kinase PTEN Induced putative Kinase1 (PINK1) phosphorylates Ser65 on ubiquitin and Ser65 in the Ubl domain of the E3 ligase Parkin. Phosphorylation of Parkin at Ser65 results in the opening of the Parkin structure to allow the binding of Ser65 phosphorylated ubiquitin thus activating the E3 ligase (Kane *et al.*, 2014; Kazlauskaite *et al.*, 2014; Koyano *et al.*, 2014). Phospho-ubiquitin may play other roles in regulating Parkin but more generally the identification of phospho-ubiquitin as a second messenger in signalling pathways could reveal the existence of further ubiquitin phosphatases and lead to the discovery of additional kinase and ubiquitin substrates and signalling functions (Sauve and Gehring, 2014).

Ubiquitin (synthetic) (Cat# 60-0200-050) is a non-phosphorylated synthetically made ubiquitin which may

be used in experiments as a control alongside Ubiquitin (pSer65) (Cat# 60-0202-050) and other varieties of modified synthetic ubiquitin.

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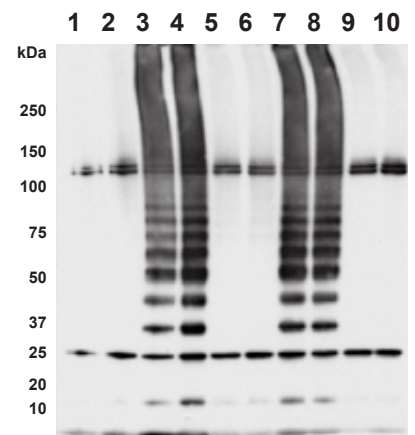
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## Quality Assurance

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**Synthetic ubiquitin phosphorylated on Ser65 (ubiquitin (pSer65)) activates Parkin E3 ligase mediated ubiquitylation:** Full-length Parkin (2 µg; Cat# 63-0048-025) was incubated at 30°C with the ubiquitylation assay components Ube1 (0.1 µM; Cat# 61-0001) and Ube2L3 (1 µM; Cat# 62-0042) in the presence of 50 µM ubiquitin (comprising 20 µg of FLAG-ubiquitin mixed with nothing (lanes 1 and 2) or 5 µg of either enzymatically made ubiquitin (pSer65) (lanes 3 and 4), ubiquitin (lanes 5 and 6), synthetically made ubiquitin (pSer65) (Cat# 60-0202-050) (lanes 7 and 8) synthetically made ubiquitin (Cat# 60-0200-050) (lanes 9 and 10). Reactions were terminated after 60 min by the addition of Lithium Dodecyl Sulfate (LDS) loading buffer and products were analysed by Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate (SDS) PAGE followed by immunoblotting. Ubiquitin was detected using an anti-FLAG antibody.

Data generated and kindly provided by A. Kazlauskaite from the Muqit lab at the MRC Protein Phosphorylation and Ubiquitylation Unit, University of Dundee, Dundee, Scotland, U.K. See Kazlauskaite *et al.* (2014) for details regarding how ubiquitin (pSer65) has been demonstrated to activate the E3 ligase Parkin.



Immunoblot: anti-ubiquitin (Flag)



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