

# 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

**Lot. No.** 30132

**Quantity:** 50 µg

**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. Ubiquitin 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  $\kappa$ B (NF- $\kappa$ B) 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

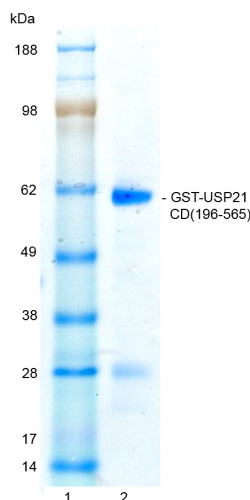
**Stability/Storage:** 12 months at -70°C;  
aliquot as required

**Protein Sequence:** Please see page 2

## Quality Assurance

### Purity:

4-12% gradient SDS-PAGE  
InstantBlue™ staining  
Lane 1: MW markers  
Lane 2: 1 µg GST-USP21  
CD(196-565)



### 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 was found to be unique by showing clear association with both centrosomes and microtubules (Urbe *et al.*, 2012).

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### Physical Characteristics

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#### Protein Sequence:

**MSPILGYWKIKGLVQPTRLLLEYLEEKYEEH**  
**LYERDEGDKWRNKKFELGLEFPNLPYYIDGD**  
**VKLTQSMAIIRYIADKHNMLGGCPKERAEISM**  
**LEGAVLDIRYGVSR IAYS KDFETLKVDFL**  
**SKLPEMLKMFEDRLCHKTYLNGDHVTHPD**  
**FMLYDALDVVLYMDPMCLDAFPKLVCFK**  
**KRIEAIPOIDKYLKSSKYIAWPLQGWQATF**  
**GGGDHPPKSD**SDDKMAHHTLLLGS GHVGL  
RNLGNTCFLNAVLQCLSSSTRPLRDFCLRRD  
FRQEVPPGGRAQELTEAFADVIGALWHPD  
SCEAVNPTRFRAVFQKYPVPSFSGYSQQDAQE  
FLKLLMERLHLEINRRGRRAPPI LANG  
PVPSPRRGGALLEEPELSDDDRANLMWKRY  
LEREDSKIVDLFGQLKSKLKCQACGYRST  
TFEVFCDLSLPIPKKGFAGGKVSLRDCFN  
LFTKEEELESENAPVCDRCRQKTRSTKCLT  
VQRFPRILVHLNRFASRGSIKKSSVGVDF  
PLQRLSLGDFASDKAGSPVYQLYALCNHSGS  
VHYGHYALCRQQTGWHVYNDSRVSPVSENO  
VASSEGYVLFYQLMQEPPRCL

Tag (**bold text**): N-terminal GST  
USP21 (regular text): Start **bold italics** (amino acid residues 196-565)  
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