

# Recombinant Rat Fibroblast Growth Factor-21 (rr FGF-21)

**Synonyms:** Fibroblast growth factor 21

**Introduction:** The FGFs are a family of more than 20 small (~17–26 kDa) secreted peptides. The initial characterization of these proteins focused on their ability to stimulate fibroblast proliferation. This mitogenic activity was mediated through FGF receptors (FGFRs) 1, 2, or 3. A fourth closely related tyrosine kinase receptor (FGFR4) was able to bind the FGFs but did not lead to a mitogenic response.

FGFs modulate cellular activity via at least 5 distinct subfamilies of high-affinity FGF receptors (FGFRs): FGFR-1, -2, -3, and -4, all with intrinsic tyrosine kinase activity and, except for FGFR-4, multiple splice isoforms, and FGFR-5, which lacks an intracellular kinase domain. There is growing evidence that FGFRs can be important for regulation of glucose and lipid homeostasis. The overexpression of a dominant negative form of FGFR-1 in cells leads to diabetes in mice, which thus implies that proper FGF signaling is required for normal cell function and glycemia maintenance. FGFR-2 appears to be a key molecule during pancreatic development. Moreover, FGFR-4 has been implicated in cholesterol metabolism and bile acid synthesis.

FGF-19, has been shown to cause resistance to diet-induced obesity and insulin desensitization and to improve insulin, glucose, and lipid profiles in diabetic rodents. Since these effects, at least in part, are mediated through the observed changes in metabolic rates, FGF-19 can be considered as a regulator of energy expenditure. FGF-21 is preferentially expressed in liver, but an exact knowledge of FGF-21 bioactivity and its mode of action have been lacking to date. FGF-21 is a potent activator of glucose uptake on adipocytes, protects animals from diet-induced obesity when overexpressed in transgenic mice, and lowers blood glucose and triglyceride levels when therapeutically administered to diabetic rodents.

**Description:** Recombinant rat FGF-21 produced in E.Coli is a single, non-glycosylated polypeptide chain containing 180 amino acids and having a molecular mass of 19.7kDa. The FGF 21 is purified by proprietary chromatographic techniques.

**Source:** *Escherichia Coli*

**Physical Appearance:** Sterile filtered white lyophilized (freeze-dried) powder.

**Formulation:** Lyophilized from a 0.2µm filtered concentrated solution in 1×PBS, pH 7.4.

**Stability:** Lyophilized FGF 21 although stable at room temperature for 3 weeks, should be stored desiccated below -18°C. Upon reconstitution FGF 21 should be stored at 4°C between 2-7 days and for future use below -18°C. For long term storage it is recommended to add a carrier protein (0.1% HSA or BSA).

**Please prevent freeze-thaw cycles.**

**Purity:** Greater than 95.0% as determined by RP-HPLC and SDS-PAGE.

**Amino Acid:** AYPISDSSPL LQFGGQVRQR YLYTDDDDQDT EAHLEIREDG TVVGTahrsp ESLLLELKALK PGVIQILGVK ASRFLCQQPD GTLYGSPHFD PEACSFRELL LKDGYNVYQS EAHGLPLRLP QKDSQDPATR GPVRFPLMPG LPHEPQEQPG VLPPEPPDVG SSDPLSMVEP LQGRSPSYAS

**Biological Activity :** The ED<sub>50</sub> range as determined by a cell proliferation assay using murine NIH/3T3 cells is less than 700 ng/ml, corresponding to a specific activity of > 1.4 × 1000 IU/mg in the presence of 5µg/ml of rMuKlotho-beta

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