

# LPS-RS

Standard lipopolysaccharide from *Rhodobacter sphaeroides*; TLR4 antagonist and TLR2 agonist

Catalog code: tlr1-rslps

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## PRODUCT INFORMATION

### Contents

- 5 mg lipopolysaccharide from *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* (LPS-RS)
- 1.5 ml endotoxin-free water

### Storage and stability

- LPS-RS is shipped at room temperature. Upon receipt, store product at -20°C.
- Upon resuspension, prepare aliquots and store at -20°C. Resuspended product is stable for 6 months when properly stored. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

### Quality control

- Inhibition of TLR4 activation has been confirmed using HEK-Blue™ TLR4 cells.
- The absence of TLR4 agonist activity has been confirmed using HEK-Blue™ TLR4 cells.
- The presence of other bacterial components (e.g. lipoproteins) has been assessed using HEK-Blue™ TLR2 cells.

## DESCRIPTION

Lipopolysaccharide from the photosynthetic bacterium *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* (LPS-RS) is a potent antagonist of toxic hexa-acylated LPS in both human and murine cells<sup>1</sup>. It also prevents LPS-induced shock in mice<sup>1</sup>. LPS-RS is penta-acylated, and like other under-acylated LPS, appears to use at least two distinct mechanisms to block LPS-dependent activation of Toll-like receptor 4 (TLR4). The primary mechanism consists of direct competition between under-acylated LPS and hexa-acylated LPS for the same binding site on MD-2, while the secondary mechanism involves the ability of under-acylated LPS-MD-2 complexes to inhibit the TLR4 agonist activity of hexa-acylated LPS-MD-2 complexes<sup>2-5</sup>.

Complete competitive inhibition of LPS activity is possible at a 100-fold excess of the antagonist. LPS-RS does not induce TLR4 signaling but is detected by the LAL assay, the standard endotoxin detection assay. LPS-RS is a standard preparation that contains lipopeptide contaminants and therefore stimulates TLR2.

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## PRODUCT PROPERTIES

Species: *Rhodobacter sphaeroides*

Specificity: TLR4 antagonist and TLR2 agonist

Solubility: 5 mg/ml in water

### Working concentrations:

- TLR4 antagonist activity: 10 ng - 10 µg/ml
- TLR2 agonist activity: 10 ng/ml - 10 µg/ml

## METHODS

### Preparation of stock solution (5 mg/ml)

- Add 1 ml of endotoxin-free water (provided) and homogenize.

### Inhibition of TLR4 activation

Below is a protocol using HEK-Blue™ hTLR4 cells for studying the inhibition of TLR4 by LPS-RS. These cells express TLR4, MD2 and CD14 genes, and an inducible secreted embryonic alkaline phosphatase (SEAP) reporter gene placed under the control of an NF-κB-inducible promoter. Upon TLR4 activation, the cells secrete SEAP which can be readily determined using QUANTI-Blue™ Solution. For more information visit: <https://www.invivogen.com/hek-blue-tlr4>.

Note: Be aware that if your cells express TLR2, inhibition of TLR4 with LPS-RS will not be detectable, as LPS-RS activates TLR2.

1. Prepare a HEK-Blue™ hTLR4 cell suspension at 160,000 cells/ml.
2. Add 20 µl of LPS-EB and 20 µl of LPS-RS per well of a flat bottom 96-well plate at the final concentrations indicated in the table below.

LPS-EB (ng/ml)	LPS-RS (ng/ml)					
0	0	10	30	100	300	1000
0.1	0	10	30	100	300	1000
1	0	10	30	100	300	1000
10	0	10	30	100	300	1000

- Add 160 µl of the cell suspension (~25,000 cells) to each well.
- Incubate the plate for 18-24 h at 37°C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Prepare QUANTI-Blue™ Solution and carry out the measurements following the instructions on the data sheet.

## RELATED PRODUCTS

Product	Description	Cat. Code
HEK-Blue™ hTLR4 Cells	Human TLR4 reporter cells	hkb-htlr4
LPS-EB	LPS from <i>E. coli</i> O111:B4	tlr1-eb1ps
QUANTI-Blue™ Solution	SEAP detection reagent	rep-qbs

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