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# Fimbrial Proteins 2 and 3 from *Bordetella pertussis*

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#### **Product Description:**

Fimbrial proteins 2 and 3 (FIM 2/3) were purified from a W28derived strain of *Bordetella pertussis* (*B. pertussis*).

*B. pertussis* fimbriae are long filamentous protrusions which extend from the cell surface and facilitate a variety of binding capabilities. They contain both major and minor subunits, with the major units forming the fimbrial strands and the minor subunit considered an adhesion.<sup>1</sup> The fimbriae elicit protective immune responses and are therefore included in some acellular pertussis vaccines.<sup>1</sup>

*B. pertussis* produces two distinct types of fimbriae using the major subunits expressed from the *fim2* and *fim3* genes and the minor fimbrial subunit, encoded by *fimD*. The level of expression of the major subunits of fimbriae determines the serotype, which can be Fim2, Fim3 or Fim2/3.<sup>1</sup>

#### Material Provided:

Each vial of NR-34573 contains 50  $\mu$ g of lyophilized FIM 2/3 sealed under vacuum. In order to recover the contents of the vial, reconstitute with 0.25 mL of molecular grade water containing at least 0.05% Tween 20. In addition to the Tween 20, the buffer will contain 10 mM Tris-HCI (pH 8.0), 150 mM NaCl and 0.1% sucrose.

#### Storage:

NR-34573 is shipped on frozen ice bricks and should be stored at -20°C or colder prior to reconstitution. Reconstituted FIM 2/3 should be stored at -60°C or colder. Repeated freezing and thawing or maintaining reconstituted product at 2°C to 8°C for extended periods of time is not recommended. Handle the product gently. DO NOT VORTEX.

#### Citation:

Acknowledgment for publications should read "The following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH: Fimbrial Proteins 2 and 3 from *Bordetella pertussis*, NR-34573."

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