

***Bacillus anthracis* Collagen-like Protein BclA with N-terminal Histidine Tag, Recombinant from *Escherichia coli***

**Catalog No. NR-50655**

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**Product Description:**

NR-50655 is a recombinant form of the *Bacillus anthracis* (*B. anthracis*) collagen-like protein (BclA), a major component of the exosporium.<sup>1-3</sup> The amino acid sequence includes 1) an N-terminal hexa-histidine tag, 2) a thrombin cleavage site and 3) the complete coding sequence of BclA from the Sterne strain (GenPept: AAT53453).<sup>4</sup> The recombinant protein was expressed in *Escherichia coli*, using an amplified BclA region of the *B. anthracis* genome (BEI Resources NR-10310), and purified by nickel affinity chromatography. NR-50655 has a theoretical molecular weight of approximately 39 kilodaltons. The structure of BclA has been solved (PDB: 1WCK; 2R6Q).<sup>5,6</sup> The predicted amino acid sequence of NR-50655 is shown below in Table 1. The collagen-like region of the BclA protein is known to be highly polymorphic, with a variable number of GXX triplet motifs, including one to eight copies of the 21 amino acid sequence (GPT)<sub>n</sub>GDTGTT, named the BclA repeat.<sup>7</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 80 µg to 120 µg of NR-50655 in PBS, pH 7.4. The concentration, expressed as mg per mL, is shown on the Certificate of Analysis.

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-50655 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen on dry ice and should be stored at -80°C or colder immediately upon arrival. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

**Functional Activity:<sup>1</sup>**

NR-50655 reacts with rabbit polyclonal antibody to *B. anthracis* BclA (BEI Resources NR-9578) and anti-His monoclonal antibody as shown by western blot analysis.

**Citation:**

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Table 1 - Predicted Protein Sequence					
1	<u>MGSSHHHHH</u>	<u>SSGLVPRGSH</u>	MSNNYSNGL	NPDELSASA	FDPNLVGPTL
51	PPIPPFTLPT	GPTGPTGPTG	PTGPTGPTGP	TGDTGTTGPT	GPTGPTGPTG
101	PTGDTGTTGP	TGPTGPTGPT	GPTGDTGTTG	PTGPTGPTGP	TGPTGPTGPT
151	GPTGPTGPTG	DTGTTGPTGP	TGPTGPTGPT	GDTGTTGPTG	PTGPTGPTGP
201	TGPTGPTGPT	GPTGPTGPTG	PTGPTGDTGT	TGPTGPTGPT	GPTGPTGDTG
251	TTGPTGPTGP	TGPTGPTGPT	GPTGATGLTG	PTGPTGPSGL	GLPAGLYAFN
301	SGGISLDLGI	NDVPFNTVG	SQFGTAISQL	DADTFVISET	GFYKITVIAN
351	TATASVLGGL	TIQVNGVPVP	GTGSSLISLG	APIVIQAITQ	ITTTPSLVEV
401	IVTGLGLSLA	LGTSASIIIE	KVA		

Non-BclA residues are underlined.