

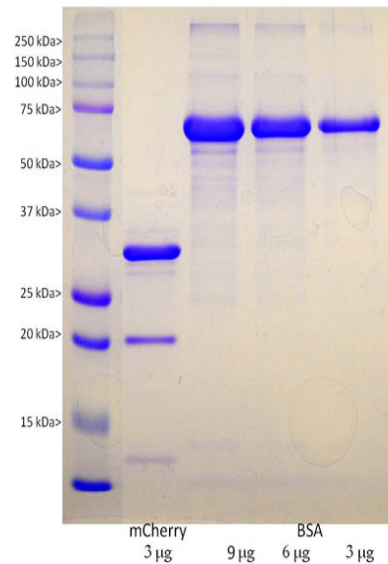
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# mCherry Full Length Recombinant Protein

# PROT-r-mCherry

Applications	Host	Molecular Wt.	HGNC	UniPort
Fluorescent protein standard, immunogen for antibody production			NA	<a href="#">X5DSL3 (X5DSL3_ANAMA)</a>



The lane on the left contains Biorad SDS-PAGE molecular weight standards of the indicated molecular size. His-tagged recombinant mCherry was run out on an SDS-PAGE gel at 3µg in the second lane. BSA was also run at 9µg, 6µg and 3µg in the next lanes as indicated. The vector adds an C-terminal His-tag which was use to purify the protein and this adds about 5kDa to the molecule, which therefore runs at about 34kDa. The mCherry protein is known to be somewhat unstable, and this accounts for the band at about 20kDa, which is clearly derived from the intact protein as it is immunoreactive with mCherry antibodies.

**Background:**

The mCherry protein is derived from DsRed, a red fluorescent protein from the disc coral genus *Discosoma*. The protein is similar in size and properties to GFP, but, obviously, produces a red rather than a green fluorochrome. The original DsRed was engineered extensively in the [Tsien lab](#) to prevent it from forming tetramers and dimers and to modify and improve the spectral properties. Several further cycles of mutation, directed modification and evolutionary selection produced mCherry. The mCherry protein sequence was deposited in NCBI entry [AY678264](#), identical to that in Uniprot entry [X5DSL3](#), and is also identical to that found in many expression vectors such as [pGGD003](#). We generated a cDNA encoding this mCherry protein and expressed this in *E. coli*. The vector adds an C-terminal His-tag which was use to purify the protein and this, along with some other vector derived sequence, adds about 5kDa to the molecule. The construct therefore has a total size of about 34 kDa as shown.

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**Abbreviation Key:**

**mAb**—Monoclonal Antibody **pAb**—Polyclonal Antibody **WB**—Western Blot **IF**—Immunofluorescence **ICC**—Immunocytochemistry  
**IHC**—Immunohistochemistry **E**—ELISA **Hu**—Human **Mo**—Monkey **Do**—Dog **Rt**—Rat **Ms**—Mouse **Co**—Cow **Pi**—Pig **Ho**—Horse **Ch**—Chicken  
**Dr**—*D. rerio* **Dm**—*D. melanogaster* **Sm**—*S. mutans* **Ce**—*C. elegans* **Sc**—*S. cerevisiae* **Sa**—*S. aureus* **Ec**—*E. coli*.