

DESCRIPTION

Source *E. coli*-derived
Ala117-Ser269
Accession # NP_000567

N-terminal Sequence Analysis Ala117

Predicted Molecular Mass 17 kDa

SPECIFICATIONS

SDS-PAGE 17 kDa, reducing conditions

Activity Measured in a cell proliferation assay using D10.G4.1 mouse helper T cells. Symons, J.A. *et al.* (1987) in *Lymphokines and Interferons*, a Practical Approach. Clemens, M.J. *et al.* (eds): IRL Press. 272.
The ED₅₀ for this effect is typically <12 pg/mL.

Endotoxin Level <1.0 EU per 1 μ g of the protein by the LAL method.

Purity >97%, by SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions and visualized by silver stain.

Formulation Lyophilized from a 0.2 μ m filtered solution in PBS with BSA as a carrier protein. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Reconstitution Reconstitute at 25 μ g/mL in sterile PBS containing at least 0.1% human or bovine serum albumin.

Shipping The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.

Stability & Storage Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

- 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.
- 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.
- 3 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

* This product is covered by one or more of the following U.S. patents: 4,766,069, 5,510,462, 5,681,933, 4,762,914, 5,474,899, 5,789,185, 5,484,887, 5,122,459, 5,001,057, 5,077,219, 5,286,847.

BACKGROUND

IL-1 is a name that designates two pleiotropic cytokines, IL-1 α (IL-1F1) and IL-1 β (IL-1F2), which are the products of distinct genes. IL-1 α and IL-1 β are structurally related polypeptides that share approximately 21% amino acid (aa) identity in human. Both proteins are produced by a wide variety of cells in response to inflammatory agents, infections, or microbial endotoxins. While IL-1 α and IL-1 β are regulated independently, they bind to the same receptor and exert identical biological effects. IL-1 RI binds directly to IL-1 α or IL-1 β and then associates with IL-1 R accessory protein (IL-1 R3/IL-1 RAcP) to form a high-affinity receptor complex that is competent for signal transduction. IL-1 RII has high affinity for IL-1 β but functions as a decoy receptor and negative regulator of IL-1 β activity. IL-1ra functions as a competitive antagonist by preventing IL-1 α and IL-1 β from interacting with IL-1 RI (1 - 4). The human IL-1 β cDNA encodes a 269 aa precursor. A 116 aa propeptide is cleaved intracellularly by the cysteine protease IL-1 β -converting enzyme (Caspase-1/ICE) to generate the active cytokine (5 - 7). The 17 kDa mature human IL-1 β shares 96% aa sequence identity with rhesus and 67% - 78% with canine, cotton rat, equine, feline, mouse, porcine, and rat IL-1 β .

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