

DESCRIPTION

Source *Spodoptera frugiperda*, Sf 21 (baculovirus)-derived
Ala301-Ser412 (Tyr340Phe)
Accession # P10600

N-terminal Sequence Analysis Ala301

Structure / Form Disulfide-linked homodimer

Predicted Molecular Mass 12.7 kDa (monomer)

SPECIFICATIONS

Activity Measured by its ability to inhibit the IL-4-dependent proliferation of HT-2 mouse T cells. Tsang, M. *et al.* (1995) Cytokine 7:389. The ED₅₀ for this effect is typically 0.01-0.04 ng/mL.

Endotoxin Level <1.0 EU per 1 µg 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 µm filtered solution in Acetonitrile and TFA with BSA as a carrier protein. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Reconstitution Reconstitute at 20 µg/mL in sterile 4 mM HCl containing 1 mg/mL 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.

BACKGROUND

TGF-β3 (transforming growth factor beta 3) is one of three closely related mammalian members of the large TGF-β superfamily that share a characteristic cystine knot structure (1 - 7). TGF-β1, -2 and -3 are highly pleiotropic cytokines that are proposed to act as cellular switches that regulate processes such as immune function, proliferation and epithelial-mesenchymal transition (1 - 4). Each TGF-β isoform has some non-redundant functions; for TGF-β3, mice with targeted deletion show defects palatogenesis and pulmonary development (2). Human TGF-β3 cDNA encodes a 412 amino acid (aa) precursor that contains a 20 aa signal peptide and a 392 aa proprotein (8). A furin-like convertase processes the proprotein to generate an N-terminal 220 aa latency-associated peptide (LAP) and a C-terminal 112 aa mature TGF-β3 (8, 9). Disulfide-linked homodimers of LAP and TGF-β3 remain non-covalently associated after secretion, forming the small latent TGF-β3 complex (8 - 10). Covalent linkage of LAP to one of three latent TGF-β binding proteins (LTBPs) creates a large latent complex that may interact with the extracellular matrix (9, 10). TGF-β is activated from latency by pathways that include actions of the protease plasmin, matrix metalloproteases, thrombospondin 1 and a subset of integrins (10). Mature human TGF-β3 shows 100%, 99% and 98% aa identity with mouse/dog/horse, rat and pig TGF-β3, respectively. It demonstrates cross-species activity.(1) TGF-β3 signaling begins with high-affinity binding to a type II ser/thr kinase receptor termed TGF-β RII. This receptor then phosphorylates and activates a second ser/thr kinase receptor, TGF-β RI (also called activin receptor-like kinase (ALK) -5), or alternatively, ALK-1. This complex phosphorylates and activates Smad proteins that regulate transcription (3, 11, 12). Contributions of the accessory receptors betaglycan (also known as TGF-β RIII) and endoglin, or use of Smad-independent signaling pathways, allow for disparate actions observed in response to TGF-β in different contexts (11).

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