### **Human Recombinant TGF-alpha**

# **Cytokines**

Transforming growth factor alpha



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Catalog #78123 10 μg 78123.1 50 μg

## **Product Description**

Transforming growth factor-alpha (TGF- $\alpha$ ) is a member of the epidermal growth factor (EGF) family that is expressed in normal epithelial cells, monocytes, macrophages, brain cells, keratinocytes, and cancer cells. TGF- $\alpha$  binds EGF receptor (EGFR) and activates tyrosine kinase signaling. In epidermal and epithelial cells, this results in proliferation and differentiation. TGF- $\alpha$  is not structurally or genetically related to TGF- $\beta$ , and the two ligands act through different signaling pathways. In vitro, TGF- $\alpha$  was shown to stimulate anchorage-independent growth (Singh & Coffey).

## **Product Information**

Alternative Names: ETGF, Sarcoma growth factor, TGF, TGF-α, TGF-type I, Transforming growth factor-alpha

Accession Number: P01135

Amino Acid Sequence: VVSHFNDCPD SHTQFCFHGT CRFLVQEDKP ACVCHSGYVG ARCEHADLLA

Predicted Molecular Mass: 5.6 kDa Species: Human

Formulation: Lyophilized after dialysis against phosphate-buffered saline.

Source: E. coli

## Specifications

Activity: The specific activity is ≥ 5.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> units/mg (EC50 ≤ 0.2 ng/mL), as determined by a cell proliferation assay

using BALB/c 3T3 cells.

Purity:  $\geq 95\%$ 

Endotoxin Level: Measured by kinetic Limulus amebocyte lysate (LAL) analysis and is ≤ 0.2 EU/µg protein.

# Preparation and Storage

Storage: Store at -80°C.

Stability: Stable as supplied for 12 months from date of receipt.

Preparation: Centrifuge vial before opening. Reconstitute the product in sterile water to at least 0.1 mg/mL by pipetting the

solution down the sides of the vial. Do not vortex.

OPTIONAL: After reconstitution, if product will not be used immediately, dilute with concentrated bovine serum albumin (BSA) to a final BSA concentration of 0.1%. The effect of storage of stock solution on product

performance should be tested for each application. As a general guide, do not store at 2 - 8°C for more than 1

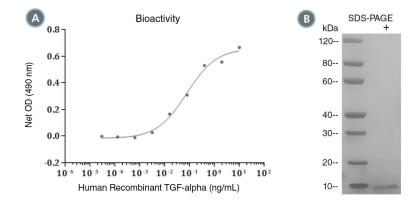
week or at -20°C for more than 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

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### Data



(A) The biological activity of Human Recombinant TGF-alpha was tested by its ability to promote the proliferation of BALB/c 3T3 cells. The EC50 is defined as the effective concentration of the growth factor at which cell proliferation is at 50% of maximum. The EC50 in the above example is less than 0.2 ng/mL.

(B) 2 µg of Human Recombinant TGF-alpha was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (+) conditions and visualized by Coomassie Blue staining. Human Recombinant TGF-alpha has a predicted molecular mass of 5.6 kDa.

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### References

Singh B & Coffey RJ. (2014) From wavy hair to naked proteins: the role of transforming growth factor alpha in health and disease. Semin Cell Dev Biol 28: 12–21.

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