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#### **RECOMBINANT HUMAN IL-12**

Catalog # 02512 5 ng per vial Catalog # 02612 25 ng per vial

#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Human Interleukin 12 (IL-12) is a species specific cytokine produced by macrophages and B lymphocytes. IL-12 induces the production of IFN- $\gamma$  and TNF by resting and activated T and NK cells, synergizes with other IFN- $\gamma$  inducers at both the transcriptional and post-translational levels to induce IFN- $\gamma$  gene expression, enhances the cytotoxic activity of resting NK and T cells, induces and synergizes with IL-2 in the generation of lymphokine-activated killer (LAK) cells, and promotes proliferation of resting T cells and activated NK and T cells. IL-12 is a central mediator of cell-mediated immunity by its effect on development, proliferation and activation of Th1 cells. IL-12 is a glycosylated disulfide-linked heterodimeric protein, consisting of a 306 amino acid residue p40 subunit and a 197 amino acid residue p35 subunit; it has a molecular mass of approximately 75 kDa.

# **SOURCE:**

DNA sequences encoding the p35 and p40 subunits of the human IL-12 protein were co-expressed in Sf21 insect cells.

#### **PURITY:**

Greater than 97% as determined by SDS-PAGE and visualized by silver stain. Endotoxin level is less than 0.1 ng per µg of the cytokine, as determined by the LAL method.

## **FORMULATION:**

Lyophilized from a sterile-filtered solution in PBS containing  $50 \,\mu g$  of bovine serum albumin per  $1 \,\mu g$  of cytokine.

## **RECONSTITUTION:**

It is recommended that sterile phosphate-buffered saline containing at least 0.1% human serum albumin or bovine serum albumin be added to the vial to prepare a stock solution of no less than 1  $\mu$ g/mL of the cytokine.

## STABILITY/STORAGE:

The lyophilized sample is stable for greater than six months at -20°C to -70°C. Reconstituted IL-12 can be stored under sterile conditions at 2°C to 4°C for one month or at -20°C to -70°C for three months without detectable loss of activity.

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Avoid repeated freezing and thawing.

# **ACTIVITY:**

Activity was determined in a cell proliferation assay using PHA-activated human T lymphoblasts and the ED50 using this assay was typically 0.05-0.2 ng/mL.

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