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### RECOMBINANT MOUSE INTERLEUKIN-7 (mIL-7)

Catalog # 02707 5 mg per vial Catalog # 02907 25 mg per vial

#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Interleukin-7 (IL-7) is a stromal cell-derived growth factor produced in bone marrow, thymus and spleen. IL-7 promotes the proliferation of precursor B-cells, thymocytes, T cell progenitors and mature CD4+ and CD8+ T cells. IL-7 can induce the formation of lymphokine-activated killer (LAK) cells as well as the development of cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTL). Recently, IL-7 was also shown to induce the V(D)J rearrangement of the T cell receptor  $\beta$  gene in mouse fetal thymocytes. Among myeloid lineage cells, IL-7 can up-regulate the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines and stimulate the tumorocidal activity of monocytes/macrophages. IL-7 binds to a high affinity receptor formed by the ligand binding subunit (IL-7 R) and the  $\gamma$  chain of the IL-2 receptor. Mouse IL-7 cDNA encodes a precursor protein of 154 amino residues containing a 25 amino acid residue signal peptide. The methionyl form of recombinant mouse

IL-7 contains 130 amino acid residues and has a molecular mass of approximately 15 kDa.

#### **SOURCE:**

A DNA sequence encoding the mature mouse IL-7 protein was expressed in E. coli.

#### **PURITY:**

Greater than 97%, as determined by SDS-PAGE and visualized by silver stain. Endotoxin level less than 0.1 ng per  $1 \mu g$  of the cytokine as determined by the LAL method.

#### **FORMULATION:**

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

## **RECONSTITUTION:**

It is recommended that sterile PBS 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:**

Lyophilized samples are stable for greater than six months at -20°C to -70°C.

Reconstituted mouse IL-7 can be stored under sterile conditions at 2°C to 4°C for one month or at -20°C

-70°C for three months without detectable loss of activity.

Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

## **ACTIVITY**:

Activity was determined by T cell growth factor activity in a cell proliferation assay using PHA-activated human peripheral blood lymphocytes and the  $ED_{50}$  for this effect was typically 0.15 - 0.3 ng/mL.

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