Product Description
B cell activating factor (BAFF) is part of the tumor necrosis factor (TNF) superfamily and is expressed by monocytes, macrophages, dendritic cells, and neutrophils (Mackay & Browning; Scapini et al.). It binds to 3 receptors: BAFF-R, TACI, and BCMA, all of which are expressed by B cells at various times in their development (Liu & Davidson). BAFF-R signaling activates the NF-kB signaling pathway, and promotes B cell survival, Ig class switching, and antigen presentation (Bossen & Schneider; Liu & Davidson; Naradikian et al.). BAFF also has functions in other cell types: it promotes monocyte survival and activation, proinflammatory cytokine secretion, and differentiation into macrophages (Chang et al.), and co-stimulates anti-CD3-mediated activation of human T cells (Huard et al.; Mackay & Leung).

Product Information
Alternative Names: BlyS, TALL1, TNFSF13B
Accession Number: Q9Y275
Amino Acid Sequence: AVQGPEETVT QDCLQLIADS ETPTIQKGSY TFVPWLLSFK RGSALEEKEN KILVKETGYF FIYQVLYTD KTYAMGHLIQ RKKVHVFGDE LSLVTLFRCI QNMPETLPNN SCYSAGIAKL EEGDELQLAI PRENAQISLD GDVTFFGALK LL
Predicted Molecular Mass: 17 kDa
Species: Human
Cross Reactivity: Mouse
Formulation: Lyophilized after dialysis against phosphate-buffered saline.
Source: CHO

Specifications
Activity: The specific activity is > 5 x 10^4 units/mg (EC50 < 20 ng/mL) as determined by a cell proliferation assay of RPMI-8226 cells.
Purity: > 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.
Reconstitution: Centrifuge vial before opening. Resuspend the product in sterile water or phosphate-buffered saline to at least 0.1 mg/mL by pipetting the solution down the sides of the vial. Do not vortex. Store at 2 - 8°C for up to 1 week or at -20°C to -80°C for up to 2 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
Cytokines

Human Recombinant BAFF

Data

(A) The biological activity of Human Recombinant BAFF was tested by its ability to promote mitosis of RPMI-8226 cells. Mitogenic activity was measured using a fluorometric assay method. The EC50 is defined as the effective concentration of the growth factor at which mitogenic activity is at 50% of maximum. The EC50 in the above example is less than 20 ng/mL.

(B) 1 μg of Human Recombinant BAFF was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (+) and non-reducing (-) conditions visualized by Coomassie Blue staining. Human Recombinant BAFF has a predicted molecular mass of 17 kDa.

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References

Huard et al. (2001) T Cell Costimulation by the TNF Ligand BAFF. J Immunol 167:6225.

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