**Product Description**

Interleukin 11 (IL-11) is a pleiotropic cytokine with effects on various tissues including the bone marrow, brain, and intestinal mucosa (Du & Williams). It belongs to the IL-6 family of cytokines that share a common signal transducer, gp130. IL-11 induces the proliferation of hematopoietic stem cells (Lemoli et al.) and megakaryocytic progenitor cells (Bruno et al.), the maturation of megakaryocytes (Burstein et al.), and the production of platelets (Neben et al.). IL-11 is produced by a variety of cell types including hematopoietic cells, mesenchymal cells, epithelial cells, and neuronal cells. It was first cloned from a cDNA library of the human bone marrow-derived stromal cell line KM-102 (Kawashima et al.). The binding of IL-11 to its receptor induces heterodimerization with the gp130 subunit and activation of JAK tyrosine kinases. IL-11 was the first pharmacologic agent approved for the treatment of chemotherapy-induced thrombocytopenia. IL-11 also plays a role in cancer progression by inducing the proliferation of epithelial cancer cells and the survival of metastatic cells at distant organs. Recently, IL-11 has gained interest for its role in the pathogenesis of diseases in dysregulated mucosal homeostasis associated with STAT3 upregulation, including gastrointestinal cancers (Putoczki et al.).

**Alternative Names:** Adipogenic inhibitory factor, AGIF, Interleukin-11, Oprelvekin

**Accession Number:** P20809

**Amino Acid Sequence:** MPGPPPQPPR VSPDPRAELD STVLLTRSL ADTRQLAAQL RDKFPADGDH NLDSLPTLAM SAGALGALQL PGVLTRLRAD LLSYLHRVQW LRRAGGSSLK TLEPELGTLO ARLDRLLLRL QLLMSRLALP QPPDPAPPA LAPPSSAWGG IRAAHAILGG LHLTLDWAVR GLLLWKRL

**Predicted Molecular Mass:** 19.3 kDa

**Species:** Human, Mouse, Monkey

**Formulation:** Lyophilized from a sterile-filtered aqueous solution containing 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid.

**Source:** E. coli

**Specifications**

**Activity:** The specific activity is ≥ 1.0 x 10^5 units/mg (EC50 ≤ 10 ng/mL) as determined by a cell proliferation assay using TF-1 cells.

**Purity:** ≥ 95%

**Endotoxin Level:** Measured by kinetic Limulus amebocyte lysate (LAL) analysis and is ≤ 1 EU/μg protein.

**Preparation and Storage**

**Storage:** Store at -20°C to -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 month or at -20°C to -80°C for more than 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
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Human Recombinant IL-11

Data

(A) The biological activity of Human Recombinant IL-11 was tested by its ability to promote the proliferation of TF-1 cells. Cell proliferation was measured using a fluorometric assay method. 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 1.68 ng/mL.

(B) 1 μg of Human Recombinant IL-11 was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (+) and non-reducing (-) conditions and visualized by Coomassie Blue staining. Human Recombinant IL-11 has a predicted molecular mass of 19.3 kDa but migrates to an apparent molecular mass of 23 kDa.

Related Products

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References


Puoczki TL et al. (2013) Interleukin-11 is the dominant IL-6 family cytokine during gastrointestinal tumorigenesis and can be targeted therapeutically. Cancer Cell 24(2): 257–71.