

Cytokines

Human Recombinant IL-2



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Catalog #	78036.1	10 µg
	78036	50 µg
	78036.3	100 µg
	78036.2	1000 µg

Product Description

Interleukin 2 (IL-2) is a monomeric cytokine that was originally identified as a T cell growth factor (Gaffen & Liu). It binds to heterotrimeric receptors consisting of CD25, CD122, and CD132. Upon binding, it activates JAK3-, STAT5-, and AKT-dependent signaling pathways, which results in cellular proliferation and survival (Ma et al.). The majority of IL-2 is secreted by activated CD4+ and CD8+ T cells, although B cells and dendritic cells were found to produce IL-2 in small amounts. IL-2 downregulates immune responses to prevent autoimmunity during thymic development, influences the development of CD4+CD25+ T regulatory cells and affects development of follicular helper T cells. IL-2 also controls inflammation by inhibiting Th17 differentiation (Banchereau et al.). High IL-2 levels in serum are associated with progression of scleroderma, rheumatoid arthritis, gastric and non-small cell lung cancer, though no known disease can be directly attributed to the lack or excess of IL-2 (Gaffen & Liu). Human Recombinant IL-2 has a serine substitute for cysteine at position 126.

Product Information

Alternative Names:	Aldesleukin, Interleukin-2, T cell growth factor, TCGF
Accession Number:	P60568
Amino Acid Sequence:	APTSSSTKKT QLQLEHLLLD LQMILNGINN YKNPKLTRML TFKFYMPKKA TELKHLQCLE EELKPLEEVL NLAQSKNFHL RPRDLISNIN VIVLELKGSE TTFMCEYADE TATIVEFLNR WITFCQSIIS TLT
Predicted Molecular Mass:	15.3 kDa
Species:	Human
Cross Reactivity:	Mouse, Rat, Monkey
Formulation:	Lyophilized after dialysis against phosphate-buffered saline.
Source:	CHO

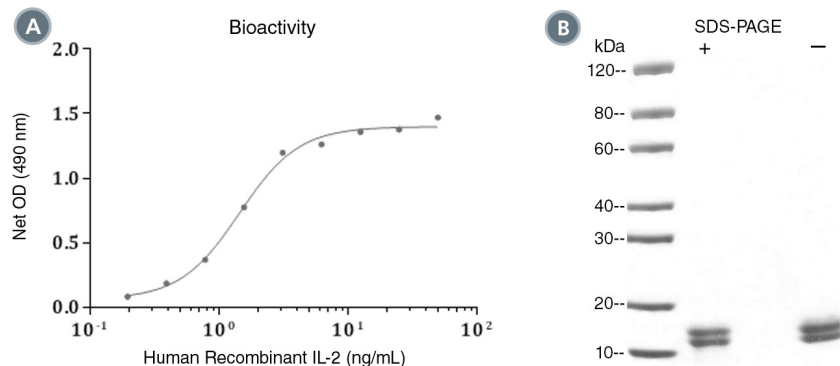
Specifications

Activity:	The specific activity is $\geq 5 \times 10^5$ units/mg ($EC_{50} \leq 2$ ng/mL) as determined by a cell proliferation assay using CTLL-2 cells. The specific activity is approximately 4.1×10^4 IU/µg, calculated against human recombinant IL-2 WHO International Standard (NIBSC code: 86/500).
Purity:	$\geq 95\%$
Endotoxin Level:	Measured by kinetic Limulus amoebocyte 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. 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.

Data



(A) The biological activity of Human Recombinant IL-2 was tested by its ability to promote the proliferation of CTLL-2 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 1.2 ng/mL.

(B) 2 μ g of Human Recombinant IL-2 was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (+) and non-reducing (-) conditions and visualized by Coomassie Blue staining. Human Recombinant IL-2 has a predicted molecular mass of 15.3 kDa.

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