Human Recombinant IL-2

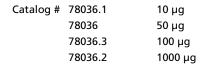
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Interleukin 2

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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+ regulatory T 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, and 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

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 (EC50 ≤ 2 ng/mL) as determined by a cell proliferation assay

using CTLL-2 cells. The specific activity is approximately 4.1 x 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 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.

Preparation: Centrifuge vial before opening. Reconstitute the product in sterile water to at least 0.1 mg/mL by pipetting the

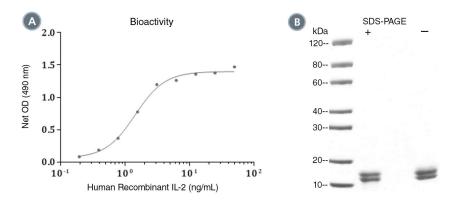
solution down the sides of the vial. Do not vortex. As a general guide, do not store at 2 - 8°C for more than

1 week or at -20°C for more than 2 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

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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 µg 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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