## Product Description

Interleukin 6 (IL-6) is a pleiotropic growth factor with a wide range of biological activities in immune regulation, hematopoiesis, and oncogenesis. IL-6 is produced by a variety of cell types including T cells, B cells, monocytes and macrophages, fibroblasts, hepatocytes, vascular endothelial cells, and various tumor cell lines. On its own or in combination with other factors such as IL-2 and interferon-γ, IL-6 stimulates the proliferation of B cells, T cells, and hybridoma cells (Nordan et al.; Van Snick et al.; Gauldie et al.; Mihara et al.; Tanaka et al.). In combination with cytokines such as IL-3, GM-CSF and SCF, IL-6 has been shown to promote hematopoietic progenitor cell proliferation and differentiation in vitro. IL-6 signals through a cell surface type I cytokine receptor complex consisting of the ligand-binding IL-6α (CD126) and the signal-transducing gp130 subunits. The binding of IL-6 to its receptor system includes activation of JAK/STAT signaling pathway (Mihara et al.; Peters et al; Tanaka et al.).

## Specifications

**Activity:** The specific activity is ≥ 1 x 10^6 units/mg (EC50 ≤ 1 ng/mL) as determined by cell proliferation assay using B9 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 10 mM hydrochloric acid 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 we recommend to 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.
A) The biological activity of Mouse Recombinant IL-6 was tested by its ability to promote the proliferation of B9 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 0.0217 ng/mL.

B) 1 μg of Mouse Recombinant IL-6 was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (+) and non-reducing (-) conditions and visualized by Coomassie Blue staining. Mouse Recombinant IL-6 has a predicted molecular mass of 21.9 kDa.

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References


