

Cytokines

Human Recombinant SCF



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Stem cell factor

Catalog #	78062.1	10 µg
	78062	100 µg
	78062.2	1000 µg

Product Description

Stem cell factor (SCF) is an early-acting cytokine that plays a pivotal role in the regulation of embryonic and adult hematopoiesis. SCF promotes cell survival, proliferation, differentiation, adhesion, and functional activation of cells at multiple levels of the hematopoietic hierarchy. Together with other cytokines such as thrombopoietin and Flt3/Flk-2 Ligand, SCF is commonly used to promote expansion of primitive hematopoietic stem cells and multi-potent progenitor cells in culture (Martin et al.; Kent et al.). In synergy with various growth factors, including IL-2, IL-3, IL-6, IL-7, G-CSF, and erythropoietin, SCF increases proliferation and differentiation of myeloid and erythroid progenitor cells and a subset of lymphoid progenitor cells (Broudy). SCF is also a primary growth and activation factor for mast cells and eosinophils.

SCF exists in two biologically active splice forms: a soluble and a transmembrane isoform. Upon binding to its receptor (c-Kit tyrosine kinase receptor; CD117), it activates PI3K, JAK/STAT, and MAPK pathways. SCF and signaling from c-Kit have also been reported to play an important role in pigmentation, fertility, vasculogenesis, motility of the gut via c-Kit positive interstitial cells of Cajal, and in the migration of neuronal stem and progenitor cells to sites of injury in the brain.

Product Information

Alternative Names:	Kit ligand, Mast cell growth factor, Steel factor, Stem cell factor
Accession Number:	P21583
Amino Acid Sequence:	MEGICRNRVT NNVKDVTKLV ANLPKDYMIT LKYVPGMDVL PSHCWISEMV VQLSDSLTDL LDKFSNISEG LSNYIIDKL VNIVDLVEC VKENSSKDLK KSFKSPEPRL FTPEEFFRIF NRSIDAFKDF VVASETSDCV VSSTLSPEKD SRVSVTKPFM LPPVA
Predicted Molecular Mass:	18.6 kDa
Species:	Human
Cross Reactivity:	Weakly active on mouse cells
Formulation:	Lyophilized from a sterile-filtered aqueous solution containing sodium phosphate and sodium chloride, pH 7.5.
Source:	E. coli

Specifications

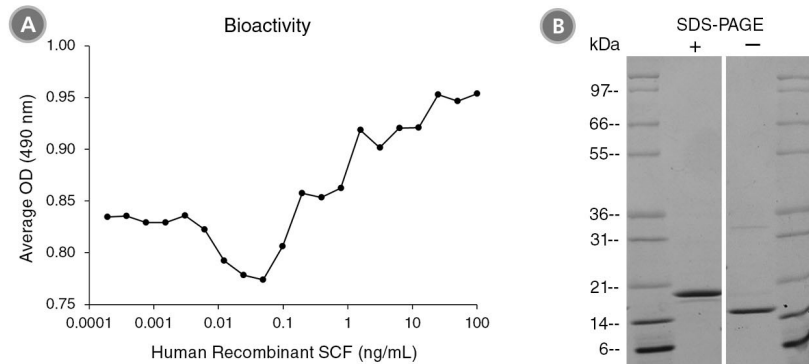
Activity:	The specific activity is $\geq 6.6 \times 10^4$ units/mg ($EC_{50} \leq 15$ ng/mL) as determined by a cell proliferation assay using TF-1 cells.
Purity:	$\geq 95\%$
Endotoxin Level:	Measured by kinetic Limulus amoebocyte lysate (LAL) analysis and is ≤ 1 EU/µg protein.

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.

Data



(A) The biological activity of Human Recombinant SCF was tested by its ability to promote the proliferation of TF-1 cells. Cell proliferation was measured after 72 hours of culture 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 ng/mL.

(B) 1 µg of Human Recombinant SCF was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (+) and non-reducing (-) conditions and visualized by Coomassie Blue staining. Human Recombinant SCF has a predicted molecular mass of 18.6 kDa.

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