

# Cytokines

## Mouse Recombinant SCF



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### Stem cell factor

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| Catalog # | 78064.1 | 10 µg   |
|           | 78064   | 100 µg  |
|           | 78064.3 | 500 µg  |
|           | 78064.2 | 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 (Huang 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). In the mouse, SCF is essential during fetal gonadal development (Mauduit). It is produced by stromal cells in the fetal liver, bone marrow, and thymus, in keratinocytes, and in the central nervous system and gut mucosa, and can function as a chemotactic and chemokinetic factor.

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 has 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 (Lennartsson & Ronnstrand).

## Product Information

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| Alternative Names:        | Kit ligand, Mast cell growth factor, Steel factor, Stem cell factor   |
| Accession Number:         | P20826  |
| Amino Acid Sequence:      | MKEICGNPVT DNVKDITKLV ANLPNDYMIT LNYVAGMDVL PSHCWLRDMV IQLSLSLTTLL LDKFSNISEG<br>LSNYSIIDKL GKIVDDLVLV MEENAPKNIK ESPKRPETRS FTPEEFSIF NRSIDAFKDF MVASDTSDCV<br>LSSTLGPEKD SRVSVTKPFM LPPVA |
| Predicted Molecular Mass: | 18.4 kDa  |
| Species:                  | Mouse   |
| Cross Reactivity:         | Human   |
| Formulation:              | Lyophilized from a sterile-filtered aqueous solution containing sodium phosphate, pH 6.5.   |
| Source:                   | E. coli   |

## Specifications

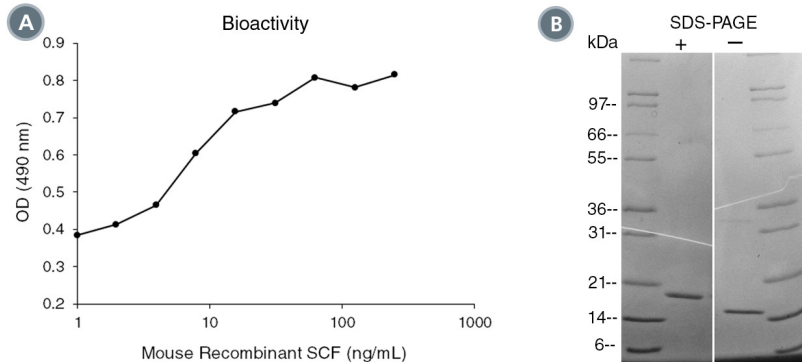
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| Activity:        | The specific activity is $\geq 5 \times 10^4$ units/mg ( $EC_{50} \leq 20$ ng/mL) as determined by a cell proliferation assay using TF-1 cells. |
| Purity:          | $\geq 95\%$   |
| Endotoxin Level: | Measured by kinetic Limulus amoebocyte lysate (LAL) analysis and is $\leq 1$ EU/µg protein.   |

## Preparation and Storage

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| 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 Mouse Recombinant SCF was tested by its ability to promote the proliferation of TF-1 cells. Cell proliferation was measured after 65 hours of culture using a fluorometric assay method. The EC<sub>50</sub> is defined as the effective concentration of the growth factor at which cell proliferation is at 50% of maximum. The EC<sub>50</sub> in the above example is 5.7 - 8.6 ng/mL.

(B) 1 µg of Mouse Recombinant SCF was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (+) and non-reducing (-) conditions and visualized by Coomassie Blue staining. Mouse Recombinant SCF has a predicted molecular mass of 18.4 kDa.

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