

**DESCRIPTION**

**Source** *E. coli*-derived  
Val116-Ser267, with an N-terminal Met  
Accession # AAL18817

**N-terminal Sequence Analysis** Met

**Predicted Molecular Mass** 17.3 kDa

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**Activity** Measured in a cell proliferation assay using D10.G4.1 mouse helper T cells. Symons, J.A. *et al.* (1987) in *Lymphokines and Interferons*, a Practical Approach. Clemens, M.J. *et al.* (eds): IRL Press. 272.  
The ED<sub>50</sub> for this effect is 15-90  $\mu$ g/mL.

**Endotoxin Level** <0.10 EU per 1  $\mu$ g of the protein by the LAL method.

**Purity** >97%, by SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions and visualized by silver stain.

**Formulation** Lyophilized from a 0.2  $\mu$ m filtered solution in PBS. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

**PREPARATION AND STORAGE**

**Reconstitution** Reconstitute at 100  $\mu$ g/mL in sterile PBS.

**Shipping** The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.

**Stability & Storage** Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

- 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.
- 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.
- 3 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

**BACKGROUND**

IL-1 is a name that designates two pleiotropic cytokines, IL-1 $\alpha$  (IL-1F1) and IL-1 $\beta$  (IL-1F2), which are the products of distinct genes. IL-1 $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$  are structurally related polypeptides that share approximately 27% amino acid (aa) identity in cotton rat. Both proteins are produced by a wide variety of cells in response to inflammatory agents, infections, or microbial endotoxins. While IL-1 $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$  are regulated independently, they bind to the same receptor and exert identical biological effects. IL-1 RI binds directly to IL-1 $\alpha$  or IL-1 $\beta$  and then associates with IL-1 R accessory protein (IL-1 R3/IL-1 R AcP) to form a high-affinity receptor complex that is competent for signal transduction. IL-1 RII has high affinity for IL-1 $\beta$  but functions as a decoy receptor and negative regulator of IL-1 $\beta$  activity. IL-1ra functions as a competitive antagonist by preventing IL-1 $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$  from interacting with IL-1 RI (1 - 4). The cotton rat IL-1 $\beta$  cDNA encodes a 267 aa precursor. A 115 aa propeptide is cleaved intracellularly by the cysteine protease IL-1 $\beta$ -converting enzyme (Caspase-1/ICE) to generate the active cytokine (5, 6). The 17 kDa mature cotton rat IL-1 $\beta$  shares 90% aa sequence identity with mouse and rat and 65% - 78% with canine, equine, feline, human, porcine, and rhesus IL-1 $\beta$ .

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