

**DESCRIPTION**

**Source** *Spodoptera frugiperda*, Sf 21 (baculovirus)-derived  
Leu20-Asp358  
Accession # P08887.1

**N-terminal Sequence Analysis** Leu20

**Predicted Molecular Mass** 38 kDa

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**SDS-PAGE** 45-50 kDa, reducing conditions

**Activity** Measured by its ability to enhance the IL-6 activity on M1 mouse myeloid leukemia cells. Saito, T. *et al.* (1991) J. Immunol. **147**:168. The ED<sub>50</sub> for this effect is typically 5-15 ng/mL.

**Endotoxin Level** <1.0 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**

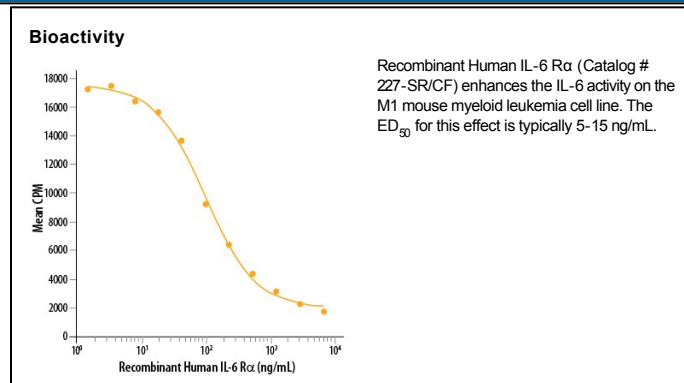
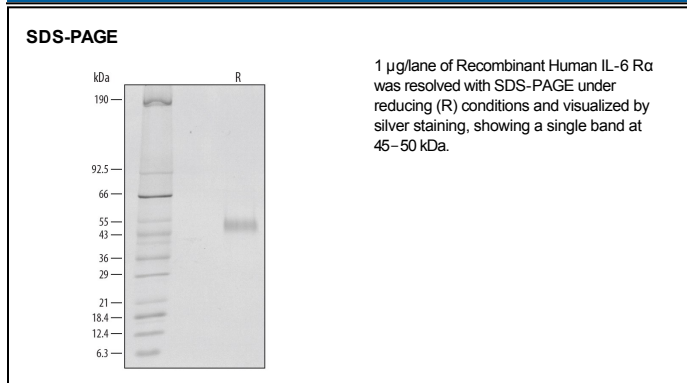
**Reconstitution** Reconstitute at 100  $\mu$ g/mL in sterile PBS.

**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.

**DATA**



**BACKGROUND**

The multifunctional factor interleukin 6 (IL-6) exerts its activities through binding to a high-affinity receptor complex consisting of two membrane glycoproteins: an 80 kDa component receptor that binds IL-6 with low affinity (IL-6 R $\alpha$ ) and a signal-transducing component of 130 kDa (gp130) that does not bind IL-6 by itself, but is required for high-affinity binding of IL-6 by the complex. Both components of the receptor complex, IL-6R and gp130 have been cloned, sequenced, and expressed (1 - 4).

A soluble form of the IL-6 R $\alpha$  has been found in the urine of healthy adult humans (5). This soluble receptor apparently arises from proteolytic cleavage of membrane-bound IL-6 R $\alpha$ . No naturally-occurring mRNA encoding a truncated form of the IL-6 R $\alpha$  has been reported. Soluble forms of human and murine IL-6 R $\alpha$ s have been constructed, however, by insertion of termination codons into the regions of the IL-6  $\alpha$ R cDNAs encoding the external portions of the receptors and prior to the transmembrane domains. These soluble receptors have been expressed in COS-7 and CHO cells and have been shown to bind to IL-6 in solution and to augment the activity of IL-6 as a result of the binding of the IL-6/IL-6 R $\alpha$  complex to membrane-bound gp130 (6, 7).

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