

**DESCRIPTION**

**Source** *E. coli*-derived human IL-15 protein  
Asn49-Ser162  
Accession # P40933  
Produced using non-animal reagents in an animal-free laboratory.  
Manufactured and tested under current Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) guidelines.

**N-terminal Sequence Analysis** Asn-Trp-Val-Asn-Val-Ile-Ser-Asp-Leu-Lys

**Predicted Molecular Mass** 12.5 kDa

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**Activity** Measured in a cell proliferation assay using MO7e human megakaryocytic leukemic cells.  
The ED<sub>50</sub> for this effect is 0.3-2.6 ng/mL.  
The specific activity of recombinant human IL-15 is approximately 4.5 x 10<sup>5</sup> U/μg, which is calibrated against recombinant human IL-15 WHO Standard (NIBSC code: 95/554).

**Endotoxin Level** <0.10 EU per 1 μg of the protein by the LAL method.

**Purity** >97%, by SDS-PAGE with silver staining, under reducing conditions.

**Host Cell Protein** < 0.5 ng per μg of protein when tested by ELISA.

**Mycoplasma** Negative when tested in a ribosomal RNA hybridization assay.

**Formulation** Lyophilized from a 0.2 μm filtered solution in PBS. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

**PREPARATION AND STORAGE**

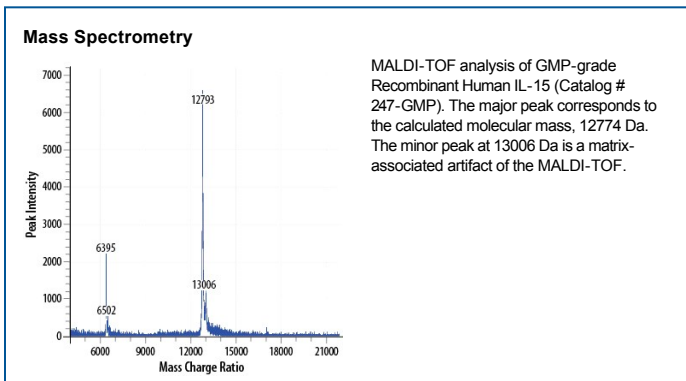
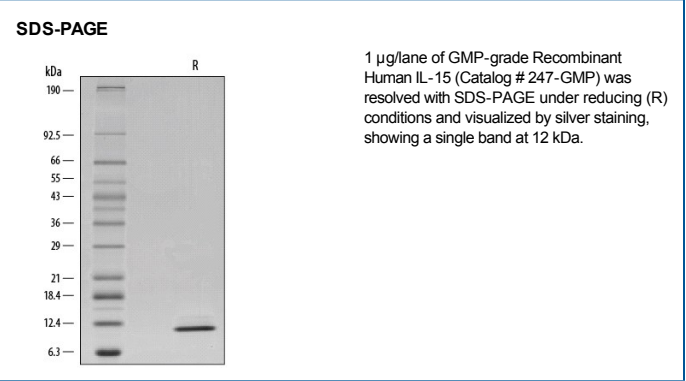
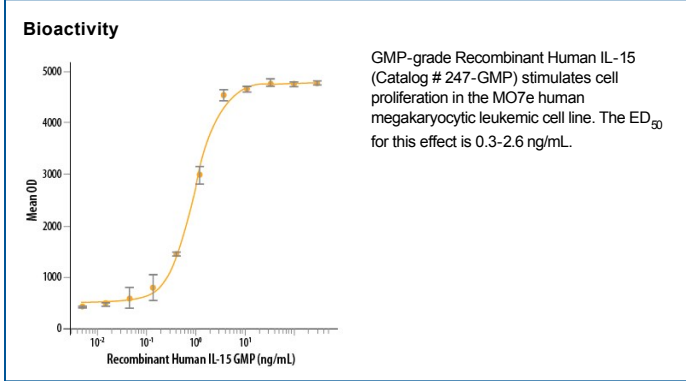
**Reconstitution** Reconstitute at 100 μg/mL in PBS.

**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.**

- A minimum of 12 months when stored at ≤ -20 °C as supplied. Refer to lot specific COA for the Use by Date.
- 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.
- 3 months, ≤ -20 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

**DATA**



**BACKGROUND**

Interleukin 15 (IL-15) is a widely expressed 14 kDa cytokine that is structurally and functionally related to IL-2 and plays an important role in many immunological diseases (1, 2). Mature human IL-15 shares 70% amino acid sequence identity with mouse and rat IL-15. Alternative splicing generates isoforms of IL-15 with either a long or short signal peptide (LSP or SSP), and the SSP isoform is retained intracellularly (3). IL-15 binds with high affinity to IL-15 R $\alpha$  (4). It binds with lower affinity to a complex of IL-2 R $\beta$  and the common gamma chain ( $\gamma$ c) which are also subunits of the IL-2 receptor complex (5). IL-15 associates with IL-15 R $\alpha$  in the endoplasmic reticulum, and this complex is expressed on the cell surface (6). The dominant mechanism of IL-15 action is known as transpresentation in which IL-15 and IL-15 R $\alpha$  are coordinately expressed on the surface of one cell and interact with complexes of IL-2 R $\beta$ / $\gamma$ c on adjacent cells (7). This enables cells to respond to IL-15 even if they do not express IL-15 R $\alpha$  (6). In human and mouse, soluble IL-15-binding forms of IL-15 R $\alpha$  can be generated by proteolytic shedding and bind up nearly all the IL-15 in circulation (8-10). Soluble IL-15 R $\alpha$  functions as an inhibitor that limits IL-15 action (4, 9). Ligand of membrane-associated IL-15/IL-15 R $\alpha$  complexes also induces reverse signaling that promotes activation of the IL-15/IL-15 R $\alpha$  expressing cells (11). IL-15 induces or enhances the differentiation, maintenance, or activation of multiple T cell subsets including NK, NKT, Th17, Treg, and CD8<sup>+</sup> memory cells (12 - 16). An important component of these functions is the ability of IL-15 to induce dendritic cell differentiation and inflammatory activation (11, 14). IL-15 exhibits anti-tumor activity independent of its actions on NK cells or CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (17). It also inhibits the deposition of lipid in adipocytes, and its circulating levels are decreased in obesity (18).

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- Host Cell Protein testing performed by ELISA
- Mycoplasma testing by ribosomal RNA hybridization assay

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