

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>Source</b>	<i>E. coli</i> -derived mouse M-CSF protein Lys33-Glu262, with an N-terminal Met Accession # Q3U4F9
<b>N-terminal Sequence Analysis</b>	Met
<b>Structure / Form</b>	Disulfide-linked homodimer
<b>Predicted Molecular Mass</b>	26 kDa (monomer)

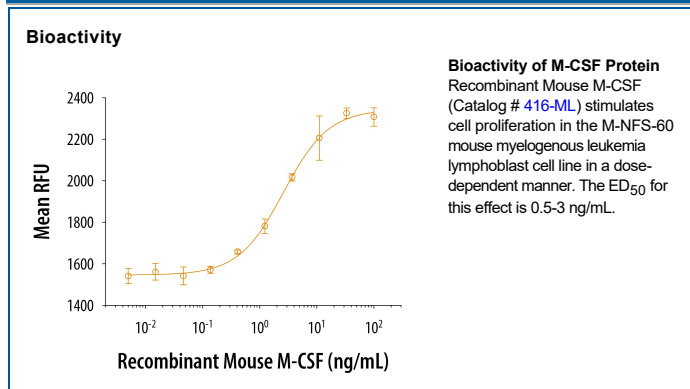
**SPECIFICATIONS**

<b>SDS-PAGE</b>	29 kDa, reducing conditions
<b>Activity</b>	Measured in a cell proliferation assay using M-NFS-60 mouse myelogenous leukemia lymphoblast cells. Nakoinz, I. <i>et al.</i> (1990) J. Immunol. 145:860. The ED <sub>50</sub> for this effect is 0.5-3 ng/mL.
<b>Endotoxin Level</b>	<1.0 EU per 1 µg of the protein by the LAL method.
<b>Purity</b>	>97%, by SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions and visualized by silver stain.
<b>Formulation</b>	Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

**PREPARATION AND STORAGE**

<b>Reconstitution</b>	Reconstitute at 100 µg/mL in sterile PBS.
<b>Shipping</b>	The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.
<b>Stability &amp; Storage</b>	<b>Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.</li> <li>• 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.</li> <li>• 3 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.</li> </ul>

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**BACKGROUND**

M-CSF, also known as CSF-1, is a four- $\alpha$ -helical-bundle cytokine that is the primary regulator of macrophage survival, proliferation and differentiation (1-3). M-CSF protein is also essential for the survival and proliferation of osteoclast progenitors (1, 4). M-CSF also primes and enhances macrophage killing of tumor cells and microorganisms, regulates the release of cytokines and other inflammatory modulators from macrophages, and stimulates pinocytosis (2, 3). M-CSF increases during pregnancy to support implantation and growth of the decidua and placenta (5). Sources of M-CSF include fibroblasts, activated macrophages, endometrial secretory epithelium, bone marrow stromal cells and activated endothelial cells (1-5). The M-CSF receptor (*c-fms*) transduces its pleiotropic effects and mediates its endocytosis. M-CSF mRNAs of various sizes occur (3-9). Full length mouse M-CSF transcripts encode a 520 amino acid (aa) type I transmembrane (TM) protein with a 462 aa extracellular region, a 21 aa TM domain, and a 37 aa cytoplasmic tail that forms a 140 kDa covalent dimer. Differential processing produces two proteolytically cleaved, secreted dimers. One is an N- and O- glycosylated 86 kDa dimer, while the other is modified by both glycosylation and chondroitin-sulfate proteoglycan (PG) to generate a 200 kDa subunit. Although PG-modified M-CSF protein can circulate, it may be immobilized by attachment to type V collagen (8). Shorter transcripts encode M-CSF that lacks cleavage and PG sites and produces an N-glycosylated 68 kDa TM dimer and a slowly produced 44 kDa secreted dimer (7). Although forms may vary in activity and half-life, all contain the N-terminal 150 aa portion that is necessary and sufficient for interaction with the M-CSF receptor (10, 11). The first 229 aa of mature mouse M-CSF shares 87%, 83%, 82% and 81% aa identity with corresponding regions of rat, dog, cow and human M-CSF, respectively (12, 13). Human M-CSF is active in the mouse, but mouse M-CSF is reported to be species-specific.

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