

**DESCRIPTION**

Source	Mouse myeloma cell line, NS0-derived					
	Human IL-13 Ra2 (Cys22 - Leu342) Accession # Q14627	TDIEGRMD	Human IgG <sub>1</sub> (Pro100 - Lys330)	6-His tag		
	N-terminus		C-terminus			
<b>N-terminal Sequence</b>	Cys22					
<b>Analysis</b>						
<b>Structure / Form</b>	Disulfide-linked homodimer					
<b>Predicted Molecular Mass</b>	65 kDa (monomer)					

**SPECIFICATIONS**

<b>SDS-PAGE</b>	74 kDa, reducing conditions
<b>Activity</b>	Measured by its ability to inhibit IL-13-dependent proliferation of TF-1 human erythroleukemic cells. Kitamura, T. et al. (1989) J. Cell Physiol. <b>140</b> :323. The ED <sub>50</sub> for this effect is typically 1-4 µg/mL in the presence of 8 ng/mL recombinant human IL-13.
<b>Endotoxin Level</b>	<1.0 EU per 1 µg of the protein by the LAL method.
<b>Purity</b>	>90%, 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 200 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>

**BACKGROUND**

Interleukin-13 Receptor alpha 2 (IL-13 Ra2), also known as IL-13 Ra<sup>1</sup>, IL-13 binding protein, and CD213a2, is a widely expressed 55 kDa cytokine receptor that plays an important role in the Th2-polarized immune responses characteristic of a variety of pathologies including parasitic infections and allergic asthma (1, 2). Mature human IL-13 Ra2 consists of a 317 amino acid (aa) extracellular domain with three fibronectin type-III domains, a WSxWS motif, a 20 aa transmembrane segment, and a 17 aa cytoplasmic domain (3). Within the ECD, human IL-13 Ra2 shares 64% and 62% aa sequence identity with mouse and rat IL-13 Ra2, respectively. A 40 kDa 50 kDa soluble form of IL-13 Ra2 can be generated by MMP-8 mediated shedding (4). The biological effects of IL-13 and IL-4 are closely related in part due to a shared receptor system. IL-13 binds to IL-13 Ra1 which then forms a signaling complex with IL-4 Ra (5, 6). IL-13 Ra2 functions as a decoy receptor by binding and internalizing IL-13 and preventing it from signaling through the IL-13 Ra1/IL-4 Ra complex (3, 7). IL-13 Ra2 can also block IL-4 induced responses by inhibiting IL-4 bound IL-13 Ra1/IL-4 Ra receptor complexes even though it does not itself bind IL-4 (8, 9). Aside from its decoy function, IL-13-activated IL-13 Ra2 directly promotes the development of tissue fibrosis by inducing the transcription of TGF-β (10). Soluble IL-13 Ra2 retains ligand binding capability and attenuates responses to IL-13 but not to IL-4 (8, 11). The up-regulation of transmembrane and soluble IL-13 Ra2 during Th2-biased immune responses limits the extent of those responses (12 – 14). IL-13 Ra2 is expressed in some cancers, and its ability to block IL-13 and IL-4 contributes to tumorigenesis and metastasis (9, 15).

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