

**DESCRIPTION**

**Source** *E. coli*-derived  
Arg8-His160  
Accession # Q9JLA2

**N-terminal Sequence Analysis** Arg8

**Predicted Molecular Mass** 17 kDa

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**SDS-PAGE** 16.5 kDa, reducing conditions

**Activity** Measured by its ability to induce IL-6 secretion by NIH-3T3 mouse embryonic fibroblast cells. Towne, J.E. *et al.* (2004) J. Biol. Chem. **279**:13677.  
The ED<sub>50</sub> for this effect is typically 3-18 ng/mL.

**Endotoxin Level** <0.01 EU per 1  $\mu$ g of the protein by the LAL method.

**Purity** >95%, by SDS-PAGE visualized with Silver Staining and quantitative densitometry by Coomassie® Blue Staining.

**Formulation** Lyophilized from a 0.2  $\mu$ m filtered solution in MOPS, NaCl, TCEP and EDTA with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

**PREPARATION AND STORAGE**

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

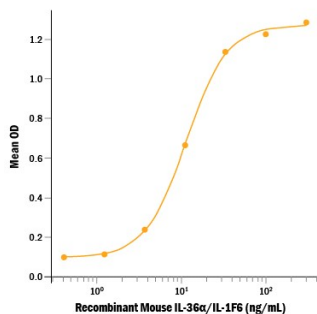
**Shipping** The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.

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

- 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.

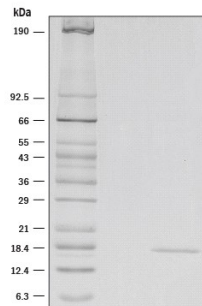
**DATA**

**Bioactivity**



Recombinant Mouse IL-36 $\alpha$ /IL-1F6 (aa 8-160) (Catalog # 7059-ML/CF) induces IL-6 secretion in the NIH-3T3 mouse embryonic fibroblast cell line. The ED<sub>50</sub> for this effect is 3-18 ng/mL.

**SDS-PAGE**



1  $\mu$ g/lane of Recombinant Mouse IL-36 $\alpha$ /IL-1F6 (aa 8-160) was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (R) conditions and visualized by silver staining, showing a single band at 17 kDa.

**BACKGROUND**

IL-36 $\alpha$ , previously called IL-1F6 and FIL1 $\epsilon$  (family of IL-1 member epsilon), is a member of the IL-1 family which includes IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-1 $\alpha$ , IL-1ra, IL-18, and novel family members IL-36 Ra (IL-1F5), IL-36 $\beta$  (IL-1F8), IL-36 $\gamma$  (IL-1F9), IL-37 (IL-1F7) and IL-1F10 (14). All family members show a 12  $\beta$ -strand,  $\beta$ -trefoil configuration, and are believed to have arisen from a common ancestral gene (1, 2). IL-36 $\alpha$  is an 18-22 kDa, 160 amino acid (aa) intracellular and secreted protein that contains no signal sequence, no prosegment and no potential N-linked glycosylation sites (1-3). It can be externalized non-specifically in response to LPS and ATP-induced activation of the P2X7 receptor (5). Full-length recombinant IL-36 $\alpha$  is less active than endogenous IL-36 $\alpha$ , but trimming of the N-termini enhances its activity (6). Mouse IL-36 $\alpha$  (aa 8-160) shares 83% aa sequence identity with rat IL-36 $\alpha$ , 54-60% with human, rabbit, equine and bovine IL-36 $\alpha$ , and 27-57% aa sequence identity with other novel IL-1 family members. IL-36 $\alpha$  is mainly found in skin and lymphoid tissues, but also in fetal brain, trachea, stomach and intestine (1, 3, 7). It is expressed by monocytes, B and T cells (1, 2). The receptor for IL-36 $\alpha$  is a combination of IL-1 Rrp2 (also called IL-1 RL2 or IL-1 R6), mainly found in epithelia and keratinocytes, and the widely expressed IL-1 RAcP (3, 6, 7). IL-36 $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  all activate NF- $\kappa$ B and MAPK pathways in an IL-1 Rrp2 dependent manner, and induce production of inflammatory cytokines and chemokines such as CXCL8/IL-8 (7). IL-36 $\alpha$  and other family members are overexpressed in psoriatic skin lesions, and transgenic overexpression of IL-36 $\alpha$  in skin keratinocytes produces epidermal hyperplasia (6-9). IL-36 $\alpha$  is present in kidney tubule epithelia; it is highly overexpressed in tubulointerstitial lesions in mouse models of chronic glomerulonephritis, lupus nephritis and diabetic nephritis (10). IL-36 $\alpha$  is induced by inflammation in adipose tissue-resident alternately activated (M2) macrophages, and reduces adipocyte differentiation (11).

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