Recombinant Mouse TGF-β2

Catalog Number: 7346-B2/CF

DESCRIPTION

Source	Chinese Hamster Ovary cell line, CHO-derived Met1-Ser414 Accession # NP_033393
N-terminal Sequence Analysis	Ala303
Structure / Form	Disulfide-linked homodimer
Predicted Molecular Mass	12.7 kDa

SPECIFICATIONS

SDS-PAGE	10 kDa, reducing conditions
Activity	Measured by its ability to inhibit the IL-4-dependent proliferation of HT-2 mouse T cells. Tsang, M. *et al.* (1995) Cytokine **7**:389. The ED_{50} for this effect is 0.05-0.3 ng/mL.
Endotoxin Level	<0.10 EU per 1 µg 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 µm filtered solution in HCl. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Reconstitution	Reconstitute at 100 µg/mL in 4 mM HCl.
Shipping	The product is shipped with polar packs. 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.

BACKGROUND

TGF-β2 (transforming growth factor beta 2) is one of three closely related mammalian members of the large TGF-β superfamily that share a characteristic cysteine knot structure (1-7). TGF-β1, -2 and -3 are highly pleiotropic cytokines proposed to act as cellular switches that regulate processes such as immune function, proliferation and epithelial-mesenchymal transition (1-4). Each TGF-β isoform has some non-redundant functions; for TGF-β2, mice with targeted deletion show defects in development of cardiac, lung, craniofacial, limb, eye, ear and urogenital systems (2). Mouse TGF-β2 cDNA encodes a 414 amino acid (aa) precursor that contains a 19 aa signal peptide and a 395 aa proprotein (8). A furin-like convertase processes the proprotein to generate an N-terminal 283 aa latency-associated peptide (LAP) and a C-terminal 112 aa mature TGF- β2 (8, 9). Disulfide-linked homodimers of LAP and TGF-β2 remain non-covalently associated after secretion, forming the small latent TGF-β2 complex (8-10). Covalent linkage of LAP to one of three latent TGF-β binding proteins (LTBPs) creates a large latent complex that may interact with the extracellular matrix (9, 10). TGF-β is activated from latency by pathways that include actions of the protease plasmin, matrix metalloproteases, thrombospondin 1 and a subset of integrins (10). Mature mouse TGF-β2 shares 100% aa identity with rat TGF-β2, and 97% aa identity with human, porcine, canine, equine and bovine TGF-β2. It demonstrates cross-species activity (1). In most cells, TGF-β2 signaling begins with binding to a complex of the accessory receptor betaglycan (also known as TGF-β RIII) and a type II ser/thr kinase receptor termed TGF-β RII, which then phosphorylates and activates another ser/thr kinase receptor, TGF-β RI (also called activin receptor-like kinase (ALK) -5), or alternatively, ALK-1. The whole complex phosphorylates and activates Smad proteins that regulate transcription (3, 11, 12). In bone -related cells, however, TGF-β2 also signals through TGF-β RIIB (a splice variant of TGF-β RII), independently of TGF-β RIII (13). Use of other signaling pathways that are Smad-independent allows for disparate actions observed in response to TGF-β in different contexts (11).

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