

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>Source</b>	Mouse myeloma cell line, NS0-derived		
	Mouse IL-6 R $\alpha$ (Leu20-Glu357) Accession # P22272  N-terminus	GGGSGGGSGGGS	Mouse IL-6 (Phe25-Thr211) Accession # P08505  C-terminus
<b>N-terminal Sequence Analysis</b>	Leu20 (major), Leu28 (minor)		
<b>Predicted Molecular Mass</b>	60 kDa		

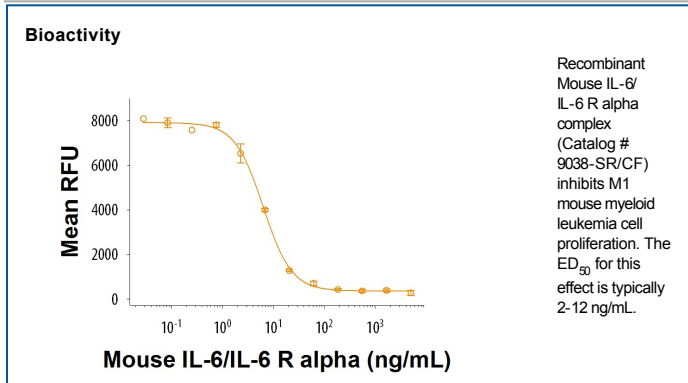
**SPECIFICATIONS**

<b>SDS-PAGE</b>	70-87 kDa, reducing conditions
<b>Activity</b>	Measured by its ability to inhibit M1 mouse myeloid leukemia cell proliferation. The ED <sub>50</sub> for this effect is typically 2-12 ng/mL.
<b>Endotoxin Level</b>	<0.10 EU per 1 $\mu$ g of the protein by the LAL method.
<b>Purity</b>	>90%, by SDS-PAGE visualized with Silver Staining and quantitative densitometry by Coomassie® Blue Staining.
<b>Formulation</b>	Lyophilized from a 0.2 $\mu$ m filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

**PREPARATION AND STORAGE**

<b>Reconstitution</b>	Reconstitute at 200 $\mu$ g/mL in 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>	Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. <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>

**DATA**



**BACKGROUND**

Interleukin-6 (IL-6) is a pleiotropic,  $\alpha$ -helical, 22 - 28 kDa phosphorylated and variably glycosylated cytokine that plays important roles in the acute phase reaction, inflammation, hematopoiesis, bone metabolism, and cancer progression. IL-6, along with TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-1, drives the acute inflammatory response and the transition from acute inflammation to either acquired immunity or chronic inflammatory disease (1-5). When dysregulated, it contributes to chronic inflammation in obesity, insulin resistance, inflammatory bowel disease, arthritis, sepsis, and atherosclerosis (1-3). IL-6 can also function as an anti-inflammatory molecule, as in skeletal muscle where it is secreted in response to exercise (2). In addition, it enhances hematopoietic stem cell proliferation and the differentiation of Th17 cells, memory B cells, and plasma cells (1, 6). IL-6 induces signaling through a cell surface heterodimeric receptor complex composed of a ligand binding subunit (IL-6 R $\alpha$ ) and a signal transducing subunit (gp130). IL-6 binds to IL-6 R $\alpha$ , triggering IL-6 R $\alpha$  association with gp130 and gp130 dimerization (7). gp130 is also a component of the receptors for CLC, CNTF, CT-1, IL-11, IL-27, LIF, and OSM (8). Soluble forms of IL-6 R $\alpha$  are generated by both alternative splicing and proteolytic cleavage (3). In a mechanism known as trans-signaling, complexes of soluble IL-6 and IL-6 R $\alpha$  elicit responses from gp130-expressing cells that lack cell surface IL-6 R $\alpha$  (3). Trans-signaling enables a wider range of cell types to respond to IL-6, as the expression of gp130 is ubiquitous, while that of IL-6 R $\alpha$  is predominantly restricted to hepatocytes, monocytes, and resting lymphocytes (2, 3). Soluble splice forms of gp130 block trans-signaling from IL-6/IL-6 R $\alpha$  but not from other cytokines that use gp130 as a co-receptor (3, 9). Mature mouse IL-6 shares 39% and 85% amino acid (aa) sequence identity with human and rat IL-6, respectively (10-12). Within the extracellular domain, mouse IL-6 R $\alpha$  shares 51% and 89% aa sequence identity with human and rat IL-6 R $\alpha$ , respectively (13).

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