

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>Source</b>	Chinese Hamster Ovary cell line, CHO-derived	
	Rat IL-17A (Ala18-Ser150 (Ile46Leu)) Accession # Q61453	
	Rat IL-17F (Arg29-Ala161) Accession # Q5BJ95	
	N-terminus	C-terminus

**N-terminal Sequence Analysis** Ala18 (IL-17A) & Arg29 (IL-17F)

**Structure / Form** Disulfide-linked heterodimer

**Predicted Molecular Mass** 15 kDa (IL-17A) & 15 kDa (IL-17F)

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**SDS-PAGE** 12-30 kDa, reducing conditions

**Activity** Measured by its ability to induce IL-6 secretion by NIH-3T3 mouse embryonic fibroblast cells. Yao, Z. *et al.* (1995) *Immunity* 3:811. The ED<sub>50</sub> for this effect is typically 3-18 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 PBS. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

**PREPARATION AND STORAGE**

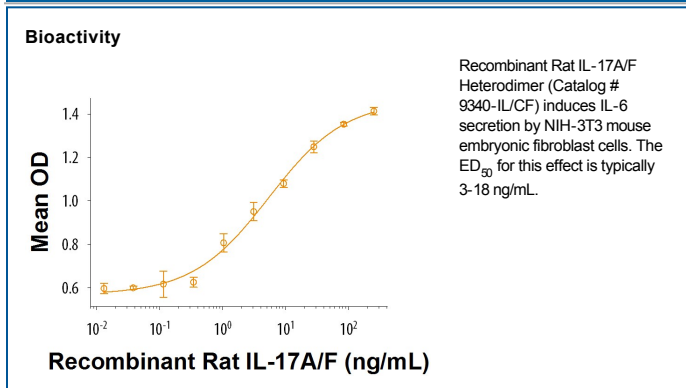
**Reconstitution** Reconstitute at 200 µg/mL in PBS.

**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**



**BACKGROUND**

Rat IL-17A/F is an approximately 37 kDa, secreted, disulfide-linked glycosylated heterodimeric protein comprised of two members of the IL-17 family of cytokines, IL-17A and IL-17F (1, 2). Members of this family demonstrate a structural motif termed a cysteine knot that also characterizes a large superfamily of growth factors such as TGF-beta (1). Although most cysteine knot superfamily members use three intrachain disulfide bonds to create a knot, IL-17 family molecules generate the same structural form with only two disulfide links (1, 3-5). Mature rat IL-17A and IL-17F share 60% and 59% amino acid sequence identity with human and 61% and 90% with mouse IL-17A and IL-17F, respectively. They also share 50% aa sequence identity with each other (1). IL-17A/F heterodimer and the IL-17A and IL-17F homodimers are produced by IL-23 activated Th17 cells (1, 6-10, 14). The widely expressed receptors IL-17 RA and IL-17 RC form a heterodimer for the binding of IL-17A and IL-17F, as well as the heterodimeric IL-17A/F (6, 11, 12). IL-17A/F is a biologically active protein that induces chemokine production and airway neutrophilia with intermediate potency between IL-17A (most potent) and IL-17F (least potent) (7, 12). It is up-regulated in immune cells during inflammatory arthritis and contributes to disease severity (13).

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