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Human Interleukin-6 (hIL-6)


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MW (kDa):
22

UniProt ID:
#P05231

Entrez-Gene Id:
3569

Background

IL-6 is a potent inducer of the acute phase response and is produced by T cells, macrophages, fibroblasts, endothelial and other cells (1,2). IL-6 induces proliferation and differentiation and acts on B cells, T cells, thymocytes, and others. IL-6 in concert with TGFβ is important for developing Th17 responses. IL-6 binds to IL-6Rα and through this association induces gp130 homodimerization (1). gp130 homodimerization triggers the Jak/Stat cascade and the SHP2/Erk MAP kinase cascade (1,3,4). IL-6 also forms a complex with an IL-6Rα splice variant that is non-membrane associated (3). The IL-6/soluble IL-6Rα complex can then activate the gp130 signaling pathway on cells that express gp130 but not IL-6Rα (3). IL-6, through increasing expression of proangiogenic VEGF, may contribute to metastatic breast cancer (5).

Endotoxin

Less than 0.01 ng endotoxin/1 µg hIL-6.

Purity

>98% as determined by SDS-PAGE of 6 µg reduced (+) and non-reduced (-) recombinant hIL-6. All lots are greater than 98% pure.

Source / Purification

Recombinant human IL-6 (hIL-6) Val30-Met212 (Accession #NM_000600) was produced in *E. coli* at Cell Signaling Technology.

Bioactivity

The bioactivity of recombinant hIL-6 was determined in a TF-1 cell proliferation assay. The ED₅₀ of each lot is between 0.2-0.7 ng/ml.

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Cross-Reactivity Key

H: human **M:** mouse **R:** rat **Hm:** hamster **Mk:** monkey **Vir:** virus **Mi:** mink **C:** chicken **Dm:** D. melanogaster
X: Xenopus **Z:** zebrafish **B:** bovine **Dg:** dog **Pg:** pig **Sc:** S. cerevisiae **Ce:** C. elegans **Hr:** horse
GP: Guinea Pig **Rab:** rabbit **All:** all species expected

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