

Human IFN-α2a

research grade

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Products Human IFN-α2a, research grade.

Recombinant human interferon α2a.

Content in µg	Order no.
20	130-093-873
100	130-093-874
1000	130-108-984

Biological activity

The ED $_{50}$ is \leq 5 pg/mL corresponding to an

activity of $\geq 2 \times 10^8$ U/mg.

▲ Note: The ED₅₀ is determined by a viral resistance assay

using bovine kidney MDBK cells.

Primary structure

Single, non-glycosylated polypeptide chain

ture (165 amino acid residues).

Molecular mass 19.2 kDa.

Source Produced in *E. coli*.

Product format Lyophilized from a filtered (0.2 μm) buffer

solution.

Stabilizer None.

Purity >95% as determined by SDS-PAGE analysis.

Endotoxin level Low endotoxin (<1.0 EU/µg cytokine) as

determined by Limulus Amebocyte Lysate

(LAL) assay.

Storage Lyophilized Human IFN-α2a, research grade

should be stored at -20 °C. The expiration date is indicated on the vial label. Upon reconstitution aliquots should be stored at -20 °C or below. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Reconstitution

It is recommended to reconstitute lyophilized Human IFN- α 2a, research grade with deionized sterile-filtered water to a final concentration of 0.1–1.0 mg/mL in a minimal volume of 100 μ L. Further dilutions should be prepared with 0.1% bovine serum albumin (BSA) or human serum albumin (HSA) in

phosphate-buffered saline.

1.1 Background information

Interferon alpha (IFN- α) cytokines belongs together with IFN- β to the type I interferon family, and is part of a cluster of proteins sharing more than 95% homology. IFN- α proteins are produced by several leukocytes, especially plasmacytoid dendritic cells, and share with all type I IFNs the same dimeric receptor (IFN- α R1/R2). IFN- α proteins induce a broad innate response to viral infections, but can also show immunomodulatory activities. IFN- α plays also a role in induction of fever and modulation of pain, by affecting the thermosensitivity of the hypothalamus and inducing prostaglandin-E2 release. An increased expression of IFN- α at tumor site favors dendritic cell activation and cytotoxic activity. IFN- α is usually produced as recombinant protein in two variants: IFN- α 2a and IFN- α 2b.

1.2 Applications

Human IFN-α2a can be used for a variety of applications, including:

- Culture of myeloid and lymphoid cells in studies of anti-viral immune response.
- Investigation of tumor cell growth and modulation of autoimmunity.
- Study of intracellular signal transduction via activation of IFN type I receptor.

Optimal concentration for a specific application should be determined by a dose-response experiment.

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