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# 1. Description

Products

Mouse RANK-Ligand – soluble, research grade.

Recombinant soluble mouse receptor activator of NF- $\kappa$ B ligand.

Content in µg	Order no.
2	130-094-645
10	130-094-076
100	130-094-646
1000	130-108-963

Primary structure	Single, non-glycosylated polypeptide chain without N-terminal methionine (174 amino acid residues).
Molecular mass	19.4 kDa.
Source	Produced in <i>E. coli</i> .
Product format	Lyophilized from a filtered (0.2 $\mu m)$ buffer solution.
Stabilizer	None.
Purity	>97% 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 RANK-Ligand – soluble, 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 Mouse RANK-Ligand – soluble, research grade with deionized sterile-filtered water to a final concentration of 0.1–1.0 mg/mL in a minimal volume of 20 $\mu$ 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

Receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa-B (RANK) ligand, also known as tumor necrosis factor ligand superfamily member 11 (TNFSF11), together with RANK, is a member of the TNF superfamily of ligands and receptors involved in activation of

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immune response and in bone regeneration. RANK-Ligand is expressed in several tissues and cell types, including fibroblasts, T cells, and osteoblasts, and functions by binding its cell surface signaling receptor RANK. RANK-Ligand is expressed by T helper cells and is involved in dendritic cell maturation. Binding of osteoprotegerin (OPG) by RANK-Ligand inhibits osteoclastogenesis and leads to accumulation of bone and cartilage. High expression of RANK-Ligand is observed during degenerative bone diseases and in tumors. Mouse RANK-Ligand shares with human 85% amino acid identity

# 1.2 Applications

Mouse RANK-Ligand – soluble can be used for a variety of applications, including:

- *In vitro* differentiation of monocytes to osteoclasts, together with M-CSF.
- Study of cell-receptor signaling of tumor necrosis factor receptor family.
- Investigation in immune cell activation, osteogenesis, and tumor growth.

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

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