



## Technical Data Sheet

### Recombinant Human Interferon- $\alpha$ 2b (rHuIFN- $\alpha$ 2b)

#### *Human Interferon- $\alpha$ 2b*

At least 23 different variants of IFN-alpha are known. The individual proteins have molecular masses between 19-26 kDa and consist of proteins with lengths of 156-166 and 172 amino acids. All IFN-alpha subtypes possess a common conserved sequence region between amino acid positions 115-151 while the amino-terminal ends are variable. Many IFN-alpha subtypes differ in their sequences at only one or two positions. Naturally occurring variants also include proteins truncated by 10 amino acids at the carboxy-terminal end.

Catalog Number:	RC217-15E
Source:	<i>Escherichia coli</i> .
Molecular Weight:	Approximately 19 kDa, a single non-glycosylated polypeptide chain containing 165 amino acids.
Quantity:	20ug/100ug/1000 $\mu$ g
Purity:	>96% by SDS-PAGE and HPLC analyses.
Biological Activity:	Fully biologically active when compared to standard. The specific activity as determined in a viral resistance assay was found to be no less than $1.0 \times 10^8$ IU/mg.
Physical Appearance:	Sterile Filtered White lyophilized (freeze-dried) powder.
Formulation:	Lyophilized from a 0.2 $\mu$ m filtered solution in PBS, pH 7.4.
Endotoxin:	Less than 1EU/ $\mu$ g of rHuIFN- $\alpha$ 2b as determined by LAL method.
Reconstitution:	We recommend that this vial be briefly centrifuged prior to opening to bring the contents to the bottom. Reconstitute in sterile distilled water or aqueous buffer containing 0.1% BSA to a concentration of 0.1-1.0 mg/mL. Stock solutions should be apportioned into working aliquots and stored at $\leq -20^\circ\text{C}$ . Further dilutions should be made in appropriate buffered solutions.
Storage:	This lyophilized preparation is stable at 2-8 $^\circ\text{C}$ , but should be kept at -20 $^\circ\text{C}$ for long term storage, preferably desiccated. Upon reconstitution, the preparation is stable for up to one week at 2-8 $^\circ\text{C}$ . For maximal stability, apportion the reconstituted preparation into working aliquots and store at -20 $^\circ\text{C}$ to -70 $^\circ\text{C}$ . Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles.
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