



Technical Data Sheet

Recombinant Human Interferon- α 2a (rHu IFN- α 2a)

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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.

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| Catalog Number: | RC217-14 |
| Source: | <i>Escherichia coli</i> . |
| Molecular Weight: | Approximately 19 kDa, a single non-glycosylated polypeptide chain containing 165 amino acids. |
| Quantity: | 20ug/100ug/1mg |
| Purity: | >97% 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 1.0×10^8 IU/mg. |
| Physical Appearance: | Sterile Filtered White Lyophilized (freeze-dried) powder. |
| Formulation: | Lyophilized from a 0.2 μ m filtered solution in PBS, pH 7.4. |
| Endotoxin: | Less than 1EU/ μ g of rHuIFN- α 2a 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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