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# **Product Information**

Interleukin-1β mouse, recombinant expressed in *E. coli* 

Catalog Number **I5271** Storage Temperature –20 °C

Synonyms: IL-1β, Endogenous Pyrogen (EP), Mitogenic Protein (MP), Helper Peak-1 (HP-1), T Cell Replacing Factor III (TRF III or TRF<sub>H</sub>), B cell Activating Factor (BAF), B Cell Differentiation Factor (BDF)<sup>1</sup>

# **Product Description**

Interleukin-1 (IL-1), originally known as Lymphocyte Activating Factor (LAF), activates T cells and lymphocytes, which then proliferate and secrete interleukin-2.<sup>2</sup> IL-1 is primarily released from stimulated macrophages and monocytes, but is also released from several other cell types,<sup>3</sup> and is thought to play a key role in inflammatory and immune responses.<sup>1,4</sup>

The two closely related agents, Interleukin- $1\alpha$  (IL- $1\alpha$ ) and Interleukin- $1\beta$  (IL- $1\beta$ ) bind to the same cell surface receptor, elicit nearly identical biological responses, and also share 25% homology in their amino acid sequence. Recombinant mouse IL- $1\beta$  is a 17.5 kDa protein containing 153 amino acid residues.

This product is lyophilized from 0.2  $\mu m$  filtered solution in 10 mM sodium citrate, pH 4.0.

The biological activity of recombinant mouse IL-1 $\beta$  is measured by the dose-dependent stimulation of murine D10S cells. The ED<sub>50</sub> is defined as the effective concentration of growth factor that elicits a 50% increase in cell growth in a cell based bioassay.

Purity: ≥98% (SDS-PAGE)

Endotoxin: ≤0.1 ng/μg

### **Precautions and Disclaimer**

This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

#### **Preparation Instructions**

Reconstitute the contents of the vial using water to a concentration of 0.1–1.0 mg/ml. This solution can then be diluted into other aqueous buffers and stored at 2–8 °C for up to 1 week or at –20 °C for extended use.

# Storage/Stability

Prior to reconstitution, the lyophilized protein is best stored at -20 °C. It is stable for up to a few weeks at room temperature. After reconstitution and for extended storage, freeze in working aliquots at -20 °C. Repeated freezing and thawing is not recommended.

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