

Human Interleukin-6 (hIL-6)



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| MW (kDa): 22 | UniProt ID: #P05231 | Entrez-Gene Id: 3569 |
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Background

IL-6 is a potent inducer of the acute phase response and is produced by T cells, macrophages, fibroblasts, endothelial and other cells (1,2). IL-6 induces proliferation and differentiation and acts on B cells, T cells, thymocytes, and others. IL-6 in concert with TGF β is important for developing Th17 responses. IL-6 binds to IL-6Ra and through this association induces gp130 homodimerization (1). gp130 homodimerization triggers the Jak/Stat cascade and the SHP2/Erk MAP kinase cascade (1,3,4). IL-6 also forms a complex with an IL-6Ra splice variant that is non-membrane associated (3). The IL-6/soluble IL-6Ra complex can then activate the gp130 signaling pathway on cells that express gp130 but not IL-6Ra (3). IL-6, through increasing expression of proangiogenic VEGF, may contribute to metastatic breast cancer (5).

Endotoxin

Less than 0.01 ng endotoxin/1 μ g hIL-6.

Purity

>98% as determined by SDS-PAGE of 6 μ g reduced (+) and non-reduced (-) recombinant hIL-6. All lots are greater than 98% pure.

Source / Purification

Recombinant human IL-6 (hIL-6) Val30-Met212 (Accession #NM_000600) was produced in *E. coli* at Cell Signaling Technology.

Bioactivity

The bioactivity of recombinant hIL-6 was determined in a TF-1 cell proliferation assay. The ED₅₀ of each lot is between 0.2-0.7 ng/ml.

Background References

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