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Tumor Necrosis Factor-α



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MW (kDa): 17.3 UniProt ID: #P01375 Entrez-Gene Id: 7124

Background

TNF- α , the prototypical member of the TNF protein superfamily, is a homotrimeric type-II membrane protein (1,2). Membrane-bound TNF- α is cleaved by the metalloprotease TACE/ADAM17 to generate a soluble homotrimer (2). Both membrane and soluble forms of TNF- α are biologically active. TNF- α is produced by a variety of immune cells including T cells, B cells, NK cells, and macrophages (1). Cellular response to TNF- α is mediated through interaction with receptors TNF-R1 and TNF-R2 and results in activation of pathways that favor both cell survival and apoptosis depending on the cell type and biological context. Activation of kinase pathways (including JNK, Erk1/2, p38 MAPK, and NF-kB) promotes the survival of cells, while TNF- α -mediated activation of caspase-8 leads to programmed cell death (1,2). TNF- α plays a key regulatory role in inflammation and host defense against bacterial infection, notably *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (3).

Endotoxin

Purity >95%

Source / Purification

Human Recombinant Protein expressed in E. coli.

Bioactivity

100 $\mu g/ml$, 5 x 10^7 IU/mg

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Cross-Reactivity Key

H: human M: mouse R: rat Hm: hamster Mk: monkey Vir: virus Mi: mink C: chicken Dm: D. melanogaster X: Xenopus Z: zebrafish B: bovine Dg: dog Pg: pig Sc: S. cerevisiae Ce: C. elegans Hr: horse GP: Guinea Pig Rab: rabbit All: all species expected

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