

| MW (kDa): 19.3 | UniProt ID: #P47873 | Entrez-Gene Id: 16156 |
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| Background | | Interleukin-11 (IL-11) was initially cloned as a mediator of plasmacytoma cell proliferation and was later found to exhibit a wide variety of biological effects in neural cells as well as in the hematopoietic and immune systems (1). IL-11 belongs to the interleukin-6 (IL-6)-type subfamily of long-chain helical cytokines, including IL-6, ciliary neurotrophic factor (CNTF), leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF), oncostatin M, and cardiotrophin-1, which all share the glycoprotein gp130 as a signal transducing receptor component. IL-11 acts on cells expressing gp130 and the IL-11 receptor (IL-11R) α subunit. Both receptor subunits belong to the family of class I cytokine receptors. The complex of IL-11 and IL-11R triggers the activation of gp130 most likely by enforcing gp130 homodimerization (2). As a consequence of gp130 activation, several cytoplasmic signal transduction cascades are initiated from the Janus kinase (Jak)/signal transducer and activator of transcription (Stat) pathway, which has attracted considerable attention. Initiation of the Jak/Stat pathway in response to IL-11 requires Jak1 and leads predominantly to the activation of Stat3 (3,4). |
| Endotoxin | | Endotoxin levels are less than or equal to 1 EU / 1 μg mIL-11. |
| Purity | | A greater than or equal to 95% purity was determined by SDS-PAGE. |
| Source / Purifica | ation | Recombinant mouse IL-11 was expressed in <i>E. coli</i> and is supplied in a lyophilized form. |
| Bioactivity | | The bioactivity of recombinant mIL-11 was determined in a B9 cell proliferation assay. The ED ₅₀ of each lot is less than or equal to 250 ng/ml. |
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