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## Interleukin-6 (IL-6)

10 µg

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**MW (kDa):**  
23.7

**UniProt ID:**  
#P05231

**Entrez-Gene Id:**  
3569

### Background

Interleukin-6 (IL-6) is a pleiotropic cytokine with central roles in immune regulation, inflammation, hematopoiesis, and oncogenesis. Its biological activities are shared by other IL-6 family members, such as leukemia inhibitory factor and oncostatin M (1). To exert its biological effects, IL-6 must bind to the IL-6 receptor (IL-6R), composed of two alpha chains (IL-6R $\alpha$ , 80 kDa) and two beta chains (IL-6R $\beta$  or gp130, 130 kDa). Two moieties of IL-6 and two pairs of these receptor chains form a functional hexameric IL-6R complex. The subsequent intracellular signaling events are activated via gp130, which is the common signal transducer of cytokines related to IL-6. Activation of the IL-6R stimulates at least three major signaling pathways: JAK/STAT, PI-3 kinase, and MAPK signaling pathways (2,3).

### Purity

>98%

### Source / Purification

Human Recombinant Protein

### Background References

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