

Product Information

Interleukin-18 from rat recombinant, expressed in *E. coli*

Catalog Number **I0531**

Storage Temperature $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Synonyms: IL-18, IGIF, IL-1 γ , interferon- γ -inducing factor

Product Description

Interleukin-18 (IL-18) shares some biological activities with IL-12 and structural similarities with the IL-1 family. Structurally, IL-18 and IL-1 β share primary amino acid sequences (signature sequence motif) and are similarly folded as all- β pleated sheet molecules. Similar to IL-1 β , production of IL-18 requires caspase-1 (interleukin-1 β converting enzyme, ICE) to cleave the pro-domain from the precursor protein to produce active mature IL-18.

The primary immune actions of IL-18 appear to be through the induction of high levels of IFN- γ production. In the T cell helper type 1 (Th1) response, IL-18 induces IFN- γ production in T cells and NK cells. Gene expression and synthesis of TNF, IL-1, Fas ligand, and several chemokines are induced by IL-18. IL-18 selectively enhances the FasL-mediated cytotoxicity of Th1, but not Th0 or Th2 cells. IL-18 induces activated B cells to produce IFN- γ that inhibits IgE production. It also plays a key role in immunoregulation and participates in both innate and acquired immunity.

IL-18 has been detected in keratinocytes, small intestine epithelial cells, adrenal cells, macrophages, pancreas, skeletal muscle, liver, lung, and PBMCs (peripheral blood mononuclear cells). IL-18 actions are mediated by an IL-18 receptor (IL-18 R) complex comprised of a binding chain (IL-18 R α , also called IL-1 receptor-related protein, IL-1 Rrp) and a signal-transducing chain.

This recombinant Rat Interleukin-18 (IL-18) product is produced from a DNA sequence encoding the mature rat IL-18 protein. It is supplied lyophilized from a 0.2 μm filtered solution of 20 mM MOPS, 50 mM sodium sulfate, 0.5 mM EDTA, and 0.5 mM DTT, pH 7.2, containing 50 μg bovine serum albumin per 1 μg of cytokine with 5% trehalose.

The methionyl form of recombinant rat IL-18, a 159 amino acid protein, has a predicted molecular mass of $\sim 18.4\text{ kDa}$.

Purity: $>97\%$ (SDS-PAGE)

ED₅₀: typically 3–6 ng/mL

Biological activity is measured by the ability to induce mouse IFN- γ production by activated mouse T cells. The ED₅₀ is defined as the effective concentration of growth factor that elicits a 50% increase in cell growth in a cell based bioassay.

Endotoxin level: $<0.1\text{ EU}/\mu\text{g}$ of the cytokine
(LAL [Limulus amoebocyte lysate] method)

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.

Storage/Stability

The product ships on dry ice and storage at $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ is recommended. For extended storage, freeze in working aliquots. Repeated freezing and thawing is not recommended. Do not store in a frost-free freezer.

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