

GAMMA INTERFERON MOUSE, RECOMBINANT Expressed in *E. Coli*

Product No. I5517

Description

Gamma Interferon (γ -IFN) is produced by activated T cells, and natural killer cells stimulated by alloantigens, tumors, and mitogens.¹ γ -IFN exerts a variety of biological effects including antiviral activity², inhibition of cell or tumor growth^{3,4} and promotion of terminal differentiation of B cells into immunoglobulin-producing cells.^{5,6} In addition, γ -IFN activates macrophages, boosts the cytotoxicity of natural killer cells, and stimulates T cell cytotoxicity.^{7,8} γ -IFN is synergistic with TNF α in its cytotoxicity.⁹ γ -IFN acts on cells via specific cell surface receptors.¹⁰

Performance Characteristics

This product has been tested in culture by measuring the cytopathic effect on L929 cells challenged with VSV^{11,12}. One unit of activity is defined as the reciprocal of the endpoint dilution of an interferon preparation which protects 50% of the indicator cell population from viral destruction.

Product Information

Expressed in *E. coli* Molecular Weight: 15.5 kD Purity: $\ge 90\%$ by SDS-PAGE Specific activity: $\ge 5 \times 10^6$ un/mg Volume: 0.5 ml Package Size: $\ge 100,000$ units Diluent: Phosphate buffered saline Carrier Protein: 0.1% BSA Sterility: 0.2 µm-filtered, aseptic fill Endotoxin: ≤ 0.2 ng/µg γIFN

Dilution and Use

γ-IFN is supplied as an aseptically prepared frozen liquid which can be used in tissue culture manipulations.

Immediately before use, thaw mouse γ -IFN in an icecold bath. The γ -IFN may be diluted to working concentrations of 0.1-400 units/ml in PBS or tissue culture media containing 1-10% BSA or serum. Use polypropylene containers for diluting material.

Storage

Store stock solution or dilutions of stock solution in aliquots at -70 °C for 3 months. Store at dilution no greater than 1:5. Repeated freezing and thawing is not recommended.

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