

## Recombinant Mouse IL-6, Tag Free

### Information

<b>Accession #</b>	P08505
<b>Alternate Names</b>	BSF2; BSF-2; CDF; CTL differentiation factor ; HSF; IFNB2; IFN-beta-2; IL6; IL-6
<b>Source</b>	Human embryonic kidney cell, HEK293-derived mouse IL-6 protein
<b>Protein sequence</b>	Phe25-Thr211
<b>M.Wt</b>	21.8 kDa
<b>Appearance</b>	Solution protein
<b>Stability &amp; Storage</b>	Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. - 3 years from date of receipt, -20 to -70°C as supplied.
<b>Concentration</b>	0.2 mg/mL
<b>Formulation</b>	Dissolved in sterile PBS buffer.
<b>Reconstitution</b>	We recommend that this vial be briefly centrifuged prior to opening to bring the contents to the bottom. This solution can be diluted into other aqueous buffers.
<b>Biological Activity</b>	The EC50 for this effect is 0.01-0.05 ng/mL. Measured in a cell proliferation assay using T1165.85.2.1 mouse plasmacytoma cells.
<b>Shipping Condition</b>	Shipping with dry ice.
<b>Handling</b>	Centrifuge the vial prior to opening.
<b>Usage</b>	For Research Use Only! Not to be used in humans.

### Quality Control

<b>Purity</b>	> 95%, determined by SDS-PAGE.
<b>Endotoxin</b>	<0.010 EU per 1 ug of the protein by the LAL method.

### Description

Interleukin-6 (IL-6) plays important roles in the acute phase reaction, inflammation, hematopoiesis, bone metabolism, and cancer progression [1-5]. Mature mouse IL-6 is 187 amino acids (aa) in length and shares 39% and 85% aa sequence identity with human and rat IL-6, respectively [6-8]. IL-6 induces signaling through a cell surface heterodimeric receptor complex composed of a ligand binding subunit (IL-6 R alpha) and a signal transducing subunit (gp130). IL-6 binds to IL-6 R alpha, triggering IL-6 R alpha association with gp130 and gp130 dimerization [9]. Soluble forms of IL-6 R alpha are generated by both alternative splicing and proteolytic cleavage [5]. In a mechanism known as trans-signaling, complexes of soluble IL-6 and IL-6 R alpha elicit responses from gp130-expressing cells that lack cell surface IL-6 R alpha [5]. Trans-signaling enables a wider range of cell types to respond to IL-6, as the expression of

gp130 is ubiquitous, while that of IL-6 R alpha is predominantly restricted to hepatocytes, monocytes, and resting lymphocytes [2, 5]. IL-6, along with TNF-alpha and IL-1, drives the acute inflammatory response and the transition from acute inflammation to either acquired immunity or chronic inflammatory disease [1-5]. When dysregulated, it contributes to chronic inflammation in obesity, insulin resistance, inflammatory bowel disease, arthritis, sepsis, and atherosclerosis [1, 2, 5]. IL-6 can also function as an anti-inflammatory molecule, as in skeletal muscle where it is secreted in response to exercise [2]. In addition, it enhances hematopoietic stem cell proliferation and the differentiation of Th17 cells, memory B cells, and plasma cells [1, 10].

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