

#### DESCRIPTION

**Source** Mouse myeloma cell line, NS0-derived  
Arg31-Gln163, with a C-terminal 6-His tag  
Accession # Q96PD4

**N-terminal Sequence Analysis** Arg21

**Structure / Form** Disulfide-linked homodimer

**Predicted Molecular Mass** 15.7 kDa (monomer)

#### SPECIFICATIONS

**SDS-PAGE** 21 kDa, reducing conditions

**Activity** Measured by its ability to induce IL-6 secretion by NIH-3T3 mouse embryonic fibroblast cells.  
The ED<sub>50</sub> for this effect is typically 2-10 ng/mL.

**Endotoxin Level** <0.10 EU per 1 µg of the protein by the LAL method.

**Purity** >95%, by SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions and visualized by silver stain.

**Formulation** Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in Acetonitrile and TFA with BSA as a carrier protein. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

#### PREPARATION AND STORAGE

**Reconstitution** Reconstitute at 25 µg/mL in sterile 4 mM HCl containing at least 0.1% human or bovine serum albumin.

**Shipping** The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.

**Stability & Storage** **Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.**

- 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.
- 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.
- 3 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

#### BACKGROUND

Interleukin-17F (also known as IL-17F) is a member of the IL-17 family of cytokines. Members of this family are involved in tissue homeostasis and demonstrate a structural motif termed a cysteine-knot that characterizes a large superfamily of growth factors. Although most cysteine-knot superfamily members use three intrachain disulfide bonds to create a knot, IL-17 family molecules generate the same structural form with only two disulfide links (1 - 3). Human IL-17F is secreted as a glycosylated, 45 kDa, disulfide-linked homodimer. It is synthesized as a 153 amino acid (aa) precursor that contains a 20 aa signal sequence and a 133 aa mature region. As noted, the molecule contains a cysteine-knot that is formed from two sets of paired β-strands that are connected by disulfide linkages (4 - 6). There is potentially one additional isoform that utilizes an alternate start site. This adds an additional 10 aa at the N-terminus (1, 7).

When induced, IL-17F is preferentially translated as the 153 aa precursor (1). Initially, IL-17F was also reported as IL-24 (7). Since that time, the IL-24 designation has been reassigned to MDA-7, a member of the IL-10 family of molecules (note: IL-17E is synonymous with IL-25). Mature human IL-17F is 59%, 56%, 44% and 52% aa identical to mature rat, mouse, canine and bovine IL-17F, respectively. Within the IL-17 family, IL-17F is most closely related to IL-17/IL-17A at 50% aa identity (6). Human IL-17F is active on mouse and porcine cells (6). IL-17F is produced by activated CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, mast cells, basophils and monocytes (1, 4), and is inducible by IL-23 (4, 8). Targets for IL-17F include respiratory epithelium and endothelial cells which produce proinflammatory cytokines that promote neutrophil activation and influx (4, 5, 9, 10).

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