

## Cytokines

### Human Recombinant IL-2, ACF



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Interleukin 2, animal component-free

Catalog #	78145	10 µg
	78145.1	100 µg
	78145.2	1000 µg

## Product Description

Interleukin 2 (IL-2) is a monomeric cytokine that was originally identified as a T cell growth factor (Gaffen & Liu). It binds to heterotrimeric receptors consisting of CD25, CD122, and CD132. Upon binding, it activates JAK3-, STAT5-, and AKT-dependent signaling pathways, which results in cellular proliferation and survival (Ma et al.). The majority of IL-2 is secreted by activated CD4+ and CD8+ T cells, although B cells and dendritic cells were found to produce IL-2 in small amounts. IL-2 downregulates immune responses to prevent autoimmunity during thymic development, influences the development of CD4+CD25+ T regulatory cells and affects development of follicular helper T cells. IL-2 also controls inflammation by inhibiting Th17 differentiation (Banchereau et al.). High IL-2 levels in serum are associated with progression of scleroderma, rheumatoid arthritis, and gastric and non-small cell lung cancer, though no known disease can be directly attributed to the lack or excess of IL-2 (Gaffen & Liu). Human Recombinant IL-2 has a serine substitute for cysteine at position 126. This product is animal component-free.

## Product Information

Alternative Names:	Aldesleukin, Interleukin-2, T cell growth factor, TCGF
Accession Number:	P60568
Amino Acid Sequence:	MAPTSSSTKK TQLQLEHLLL DLQMILNGIN NYKNPKLTRM LTFKFYMPKK ATELKHLQCL EEELKPLEEV LNLAQSKNFH LRPRDLISNI NVIVLELKGS ETTFMCEYAD ETATIVEFLN RWITFCQSII STL
Predicted Molecular Mass:	15.5 kDa
Species:	Human
Cross Reactivity:	Mouse, Rat, Monkey
Formulation:	Lyophilized from a sterile-filtered aqueous solution containing 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid
Source:	E. coli

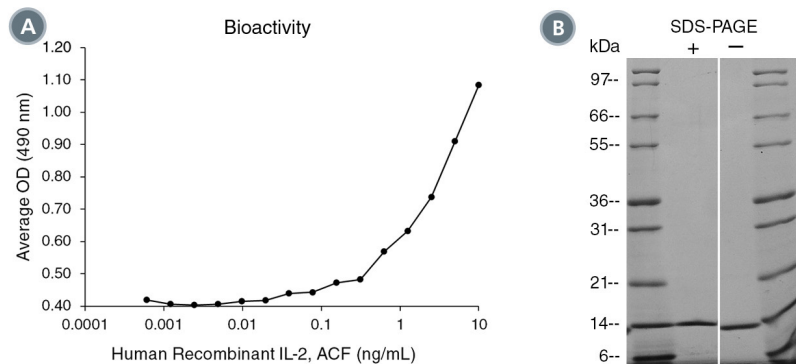
## Specifications

Activity:	The specific activity is $\geq 3.3 \times 10^5$ units/mg ( $EC_{50} \leq 3$ ng/mL) as determined by proliferation of CTLL-2 cells.
Purity:	$\geq 95\%$
Endotoxin Level:	Measured by kinetic Limulus amebocyte lysate (LAL) analysis and is $\leq 1$ EU/µg protein.

## Preparation and Storage

Storage:	Store at -20°C to -80°C.
Stability:	Stable as supplied for 12 months from date of receipt.
Preparation:	Centrifuge vial before opening. Resuspend the product in 10 mM hydrochloric acid containing 0.1% bovine serum albumin (BSA) to at least 0.1 mg/mL by pipetting the solution down the sides of the vial. Do not vortex. Store at 2 - 8°C for up to 1 month or at -20°C to -80°C for up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. NOTE: If reconstituted product will be used immediately, BSA is not required.

## Data



(A) The biological activity of Human Recombinant IL-2, ACF was tested by its ability to promote the proliferation of CTLL-2 cells. Cell proliferation was measured after 72 hours of culture using a fluorometric assay method. The EC<sub>50</sub> is defined as the effective concentration of the cytokine at which cell proliferation is at 50% of maximum. The EC<sub>50</sub> in the example above is 1.99 ng/mL.

(B) 1 µg of Human Recombinant IL-2, ACF was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (+) and non-reducing (-) conditions and visualized by Coomassie Blue staining.

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