# Cytokines

**Human Recombinant SCF, ACF**

Stem cell factor, animal component-free

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| Catalog # | 78155 | 10 µg |
| | 78155.1 | 100 µg |
| | 78155.2 | 1000 µg |

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## Product Description

Stem cell factor (SCF) is an early-acting cytokine that plays a pivotal role in the regulation of embryonic and adult hematopoiesis. SCF promotes cell survival, proliferation, differentiation, adhesion, and functional activation of cells at multiple levels of the hematopoietic hierarchy. Together with other cytokines such as thrombopoietin and Flt3/Flk-2 Ligand, SCF is commonly used to promote expansion of primitive hematopoietic stem cells and multi-potent progenitor cells in culture (Martin et al.; Kent et al.). In synergy with various growth factors, including IL-2, IL-3, IL-6, IL-7, G-CSF, and erythropoietin, SCF increases proliferation and differentiation of myeloid and erythroid progenitor cells and a subset of lymphoid progenitor cells (Broudy). SCF is also a primary growth and activation factor for mast cells and eosinophils.

SCF exists in two biologically active splice forms: a soluble and a transmembrane isoform. Upon binding to its receptor (c-Kit tyrosine kinase receptor; CD117), it activates PI3K, JAK/STAT, and MAPK pathways. SCF and signaling from c-Kit have also been reported to play an important role in pigmentation, fertility, vasculogenesis, motility of the gut via c-Kit positive interstitial cells of Cajal, and in the migration of neuronal stem and progenitor cells to sites of injury in the brain. This product is animal component-free.

## Product Information

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| Alternative Names: | Kit ligand, Mast cell growth factor, Steel factor, Stem cell factor |
| Accession Number: | P21583 |
| Amino Acid Sequence: | MEGICRNRVT NNVKDVTKLV ANLPKDYMIT LKYVPGMDVL PSHCWISEMV VQLSDSLTDL LDKFSNISEG LSNYSIIDKL VNIVDDLVEC VKENSSKDLK KSFKSPEPRL FTPEEFFRIF NRSIDAFKDF VVASETSDCV VSSTLSPEKD SRVSVTKPFM LPPVA |
| Predicted Molecular Mass: | 18.6 kDa |
| Species: | Human |
| Cross Reactivity: | Weakly active on mouse cells |
| Formulation: | Lyophilized from a sterile-filtered aqueous solution containing sodium phosphate and sodium chloride, pH 7.5. |
| Source: | E. coli |

## Specifications

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| Activity: | The specific activity is ≥ 6.7 x 10^4 units/mg (EC50 ≤ 15 ng/mL) as determined by a cell proliferation assay using TF-1 cells. |
| Purity: | ≥ 95% |
| Endotoxin Level: | Measured by kinetic Limulus amebocyte lysate (LAL) analysis and is ≤ 1 EU/µg protein. |

## Preparation and Storage

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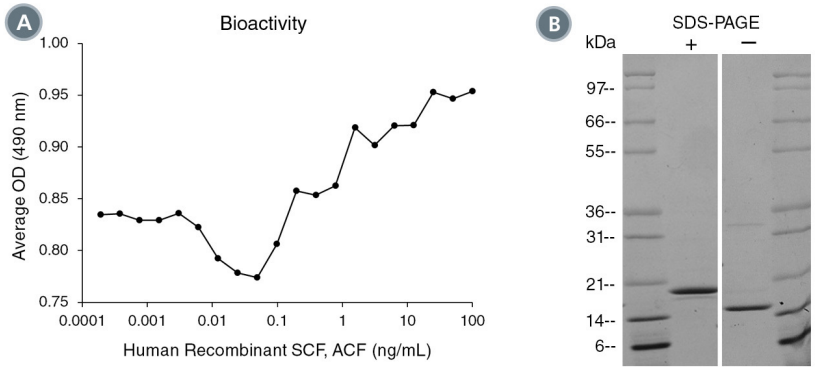
| Storage: | Store at -20°C to -80°C. |
| Stability: | Stable as supplied for 12 months from date of receipt. |
| Preparation: | Centrifuge vial before opening. Reconstitute the product in sterile water to at least 0.1 mg/mL by pipetting the solution down the sides of the vial. Do not vortex.<br><br>OPTIONAL: After reconstitution, if product will not be used immediately, dilute with concentrated bovine serum albumin (BSA) to a final BSA concentration of 0.1%. The effect of storage of stock solution on product performance should be tested for each application. As a general guide, do not store at 2 - 8°C for more than 1 month or at -20°C to -80°C for more than 3 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. |

## Data




(A) The biological activity of Human Recombinant SCF, ACF was tested by its ability to promote the proliferation of TF-1 cells. Cell proliferation was measured after 72 hours of culture using a fluorometric assay method. The EC50 is defined as the effective concentration of the cytokine at which cell proliferation is at 50% of maximum. The EC50 in the example above is 1 ng/mL.
(B) 1 µg of Human Recombinant SCF, ACF was resolved with SDS-PAGE under reducing (+) and non-reducing (-) conditions and visualized by Coomassie Blue staining.

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