## **Recombinant Human Interleukin 15**

Catalog Number	Size
AG131-10	10μg
AG131-100	100μg

## Specifications and Use

**Description** Recombinant human IL-15 produced in E.coli is a single, non-glycosylated,

polypeptide chain containing 114 amino acids.

Source E coli

Molecular Mass Approximately 12.7kDa.

**Purity**  $\geq 97\%$ , as determined by SDS-PAGE and HPLC method.

**Endotoxin Level**  $\leq 1EU/\mu g$ , determined by the LAL method.

**Biological Activity** Measured in a cell proliferation assay using CTLL-2. The specific activity

shall be not less than  $5 \times 10^7$  IU/mg.

Formulation Lyophilized from a 0.2µm filtered solution in PBS containing 0.1% HSA,

pH7.4.

**Reconstitution** It is recommended that sterile PBS containing at least 0.1% human serum

albumin or bovine serum albumin be added to the vial to prepare a stock

solution of not less than 100µg/ml.

**Storage** Lyophilized samples are stable for greater than six months from date of

receipt at -20°C to -70°C.

The reconstituted samples can be stored under sterile conditions at 2-8°C for one month or at -20°C to -70°C for three months without detectable loss of

activity.

Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

## Human Interleukin 15

Interleukin 15 (IL-15) is a widely expressed cytokine that is structurally and functionally related to IL-2. Mature human IL--15 shares 70% amino acid sequence identity with mouse and rat IL-15. Alternative splicing generates isoforms of IL-15 with either a long or short signal peptide (LSP or SSP), and the SSP isoform is retained intracellularly. IL-15 binds with high affinity to IL-15R $\alpha$  and with lower affinity to a complex of IL-2R $\beta$  and the common gamma chain ( $\gamma$ c) which are also subunits of the IL-2 receptor complex. IL-15 associates with IL-15R $\alpha$  in the endoplasmic reticulum. The dominant mechanism of IL-15 action is known as transpresentation in which IL-15 and IL-15R $\alpha$  are coordinately expressed on the surface of one cell and interact with the complexes of IL-2R $\beta$ / $\gamma$ c on adjacent cells. This enables cells to respond to IL-15 even if they do not express IL-15R $\alpha$ . Consistent with its shared use of IL-2 receptor subunits, IL-15 induces IL-2-like effect in lymphocyte development and homeostasis. It is particularly important for the maintenance and activation of NK cells and CD8+ memory T cells. Ligation of membrane-associated IL-15/IL-15R $\alpha$  complexes induces reverse signaling that promotes cellular adhesion, tyrosine phosphorylation of intracellular proteins, and cytokine secretion by the IL-15/IL-15R $\alpha$  expressing cells.

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