# Human IL-12 (IL12A & IL12B Heterodimer) Protein

Catalog Number: CT011-H08H

# **General Information**

## Gene Name Synonym:

Interleukin-12

## **Protein Construction:**

A DNA sequence encoding the p35 subunit of human IL-12, termed as IL12A (NP\_000873.2) (Met 1-Ser 219) was fused with a polyhistidine tag at the C-terminus, constructed the plasmid 1 ; A DNA sequence encoding the p40 subunit of human IL-12, termed as IL12B (NP\_002178.2) (Met 1-Ser 328) was fused with a polyhistidine tag at the C-terminus, constructed the plasmid 2. The two plasmids were co-expressed and the heterodimer was purified.

Source: Human

Expression Host: Human Cells

## **QC** Testing

Purity: > 95 % as determined by SDS-PAGE

### **Bio-Activity**

1. Measured by its ability to bind biotinylated recombinant human IL12RB1 in a functional ELISA.

2. Measured in a cell proliferation assay using Anti-CD28 and Anti-CD3-stimulated PBMC.

The ED50 for this effect is typically 0.1-0.6 ng/mL.

#### Endotoxin:

< 1.0 EU per  $\mu$ g of the protein as determined by the LAL method

#### Stability:

Samples are stable for up to twelve months from date of receipt at -70  $^\circ C$ 

Predicted N terminal: Arg 23 & lle 23

#### **Molecular Mass:**

The recombinant IL12 heterodimer of human IL12A/IL12B comprises 525 (208 + 317) amino acids and has a calculated molecular mass of 60.2 (24 + 36.2) kDa. The apparent molecular mass of rh IL12 heterodimer is approximately 40 & 43 kDa respectively in SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions.

#### Formulation:

Lyophilized from sterile PBS, pH 7.4

Normally 5 % - 8 % trehalose and mannitol are added as protectants before lyophilization. Specific concentrations are included in the hardcopy of COA. Please contact us for any concerns or special requirements.

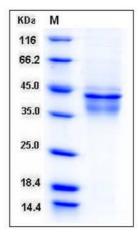
## **Usage Guide**

#### Storage:

Store it under sterile conditions at -20  $^\circ\!C$  to -80  $^\circ\!C$  upon receiving. Recommend to aliquot the protein into smaller quantities for optimal storage.

Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

# SDS-PAGE:



### **Reconstitution:**

Detailed reconstitution instructions are sent along with the products.

# **Protein Description**

Interleukin-12 (IL-12), also known as natural killer cell stimulatory factor (NKSF) or cytotoxic lymphocyte maturation factor (CLMF), is a 70 kDa disulfide-linked heterodimeric cytokine composed of a 35-kD subunit P35 and a 40-kD subunit P40, also designated as IL-12A (Interleukin-12 subunit alpha) and IL-12B (Interleukin-12 subunit beta). IL-12 is predominantly produced by macrophages and B lymphocytes and plays an important role in the activities of natural killer cells and T lymphocytes. IL-12 is involved in the differentiation and development of Th1 cells, enhancement of natural killer cytolytic function and mitogenic effects, as well as induction of IFNgamma during which it can synergize with other IFN-gamma inducers. The most powerful inducers of IL-12 production are bacteria, bacterial products and parasites. IL-12A shows significant sequence similarity to IL-6, G-CSF, and exerts biological activities only when the IL-12B is co-expressed. IL-12B deficient mice are resistant to the induction of experimental chronic inflammatory diseases whereas IL-12A knock-out mice develop more severe forms, suggesting opposite functions of the two subunits in the outcome of chronic inflammatory diseases.

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