## Recombinant Human Interleukin-13 (rh IL-13)

Synonyms: NC30 (human), P600 (murine)

**Description:** IL-13 is an immunoregulatory cytokine produced primarily by activated Th2 cells. IL-13 is involved in several stages of B-cell maturation and differentiation. It regulates CD23 and MHC class II expression up and promotes IgE isotype switching of B cells. IL-13 regulates macrophage activity down and inhibits thereby the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines and chemokines. IL-13 is found to be critical to the pathogenesis of allergen-induced asthma,but operates through mechanisms independent of IgE and eosinophils. IL-13,IL-3,IL-4, IL-5, and GM-CSF form a cytokine gene cluster on chromosome 5q, with this gene particularly close to IL-4.

**Description:** Recombinant human IL-13 produced in *E.Coli* is a single, non-glycosylated polypeptide chain containing 112 amino acids and having a molecular mass of 12 kDa. The rh IL-13 is purified by proprietary chromatographic techniques.

Source: Escherichia Coli.

Physical Appearance: Sterile filtered white lyophilized (freeze-dried) powder.

Formulation: Lyophilized from a 0.22 µm filtered solution in PBS pH-7.2 & 5% trehalose

**Solubility:** It is recommended to reconstitute the lyophilized rh IL-13 in sterile  $H_2O$  not less than 100  $\mu g/ml$ , which can then be further diluted to other aqueous solutions.

**Stability:** Lyophilized rh IL-13 although stable at room temperature for 3 weeks, should be stored desiccated below -18° C. Upon reconstitution rh IL-13 should be stored at 4° C between 2-7 days and for future use below - 18° C. For long term storage it is recommended to add a carrier protein (0.1% HSA or BSA). Please prevent freeze-thaw cycles.

**Purity:** Greater than 95.0% as determined by RP-HPLC. and by SDS-PAGE.

Amino acid sequence: GPVPPSTALRELIEELVNITQNQKAPLCNGSMVWSINLTAGMYCAALESLINVS GCSAIEKTQRMLSGFCPHKVSAGQFSSLHVRDTKIEVAQFVKDLLLHLKKLFREGRFN

**Biological Activity:** The ED<sub>50</sub> as determined by the dose-dependant prolifiration of TF-1 cells is < 1ng/ml, corresponding to a specific activity of >1 x  $10^6$  IU/mg.

Protein Content: Protein quantitation was carried out by two independent methods:

- 1. UV spectroscopy at 280 nm using the absorbency value of 0.57 as the extinction coefficient for a 0.1% (1mg/ml) solution. This value is calculated by the PC GENE computer analysis program of protein sequences (IntelliGenetics).
- 2. Analysis by RP-HPLC, using a calibrated solution of IL-13 as a Reference Standard

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medium	10 µg	Cat.N°	11340133
large	50 µg	Cat.N°	11340135
x-large	250 µg	Cat.N°	11340137