

# Recombinant Mouse Interleukin-21 (rm IL-21)

**Synonyms:** none

**Introduction:** IL-21 is produced by CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in response to antigenic stimulation. Its action enhances antigen-specific responses of immune cells. The biological effects of IL-21 include induction of differentiation of T-cells-stimulated B-cells into plasma cells and memory B-cells, stimulation (in conjunction) with IL-4 of IgG production and induction of apoptotic effects in native B-cells and stimulated B-cells in the absence of T-cell signaling. Additionally IL-21 promotes the anti-tumor activity of CD8<sup>+</sup> T-cells and NK cells. IL-21 exerts its effect through binding to a specific type I cytokine receptor, IL-21R, which also contains the gamma chain and is found in other cytokine receptors including IL-2, IL-4, IL-7, IL-9 and IL-15. The IL-21/IL-21R interaction triggers a cascade of events which includes activation of the tyrosine kinases JAK1 and JAK3, followed by activation of the transcription factors STAT1 and STAT3.

**Description:** Recombinant murine IL-21 produced in *E.Coli* is a single, non-glycosylated polypeptide chain containing 130 amino acids and having a total molecular mass of 15 kDa. The rm IL-21 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 25 mM sodium phosphate pH 7.3 + 200mM NaCl  
The aliquots of 1µg and 2µg contain Trehalose 5% (w/vol) for better recovery

**Solubility:** It is recommended to reconstitute the lyophilized rm IL-21 in steril H<sub>2</sub>O not less than 100µg/ml which can then be further diluted to other aqueous solutions.

**Stability:** Lyophilized rm IL-21 although stable at room temperature for 3 weeks, should be stored desiccated below -18° C. Upon reconstitution rm IL-21 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 SDS-PAGE.

**Endotoxicity:** The endotoxin level is less than 0.1 ng per µg (1EU/µg) determined by LAL method

**Amino Acid Sequence:** MHKSSPQGPD RLLIRLRHLI DIVEQLKIYE NDLDPELLSA PQDVKGHCEH  
AAFACFQKAK LKPSNPGNNK TFIIDLVAQL RRRLPARRGG KKQKHIACPC SCDSYEKRTP KEFLERLKWL  
LQKMIHQHLS

**Biological Activity:** Tested by dose dependent stimulation of IL-21 induced reporter gene activation in IL-21 receptor transfected cells the specific activity of rm IL-21 is > 0.5x10<sup>5</sup> IU/mg

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<i>large</i>	50 µg	Cat.N°	12340215
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