Recombinant Human Stromal Cell-Derived Factor-1 alpha (rh SDF-1alpha / rh CXCL12α)

**Synonyms:** Pre-B cell growth-stimulating factor (PBSF), chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 12, SCYB12, TLSF-a.

**Introduction:** SDF-1 produced in two forms, SDF-1α/CXCL12α and SDF-1β/CXCL12b, by alternate splicing of the same gene. The SDF-1 proteins belong to the group of CXC chemokines, whose initial pair of cysteines are separated by one intervening amino acid. SDF-1alpha is strongly chemotactic for lymphocytes and has been implicated as an important cell co-ordinator during development. During embryogenesis it directs the migration of hematopoietic cells from foetal liver to bone marrow. Mice which were knocked-out for SDF-1 gene were lethal before the birth or within just 1 hour of life. As another role, SDF-1alpha alters also the electrophysiology of neurons. SDF-1 was shown to be expressed in many tissues in mice (including brain, thymus, heart, lung, liver, kidney, spleen and bone marrow). The receptor for this chemokine is CXCR4. This SDF-1-CXCR4 interaction used to be considered exclusive (unlike for other chemokines and their receptors), but recently it was suggested that SDF-1 is also bound by CXCR7 receptor. In human and mouse both SDF-1 and CXCR4 show high identity of sequence: 99% and 90%, respectively.

**Description:** Recombinant human SDF-1 alpha produced in *E.Coli* is a non-glycosylated, polypeptide chain containing 68 amino acids and having a molecular mass of 8008 Dalton. The rh SDF-1 alpha 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 50 mM Sodiumphosphate, 50 mM NaCl, pH 7.8. The aliquots of 1µg and 2µg contain Trehalose 5% (w/vol) for better recovery.

**Solubility:** It is recommended to reconstitute the lyophilized rh SDF-1alpha in sterile H₂O not less than 100 µg/ml, which can then be further diluted to other aqueous solutions.

**Stability:** Lyophilized rh SDF-1 alpha although stable at room temperature for 3 weeks, should be stored desiccated 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:** 95.0% as determined by SDS-PAGE.

**Amino acid Sequence:** KPVSLSYRCP CRFFESHVAR ANVKHLKILN TPNCALQIVA RLKNNNRQVC IDPKLKWIQE YLEKALNK

**Endotoxicity:** The endotoxin level is less than 1 EU / µg determined by LAL method.

**Biological Activity:** The specific activity as determined by its ability to chemoattract human peripheral T cells activated with PHA and IL-2 using a concentration of 20 - 80 ng/ml.

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