

# MCP-1 (hBA-76): sc-4638

## BACKGROUND

The monocyte chemotactic proteins, MCP-1, MCP-2 and MCP-3, form a sub-family of the C-C (or  $\beta$ ) chemokines, which are characterized by a set of conserved adjacent cysteines. MCPs are produced by a variety of cells, including T lymphocytes, subsequent to their activation with cytokines such as IL-1, TNF $\alpha$  and IFN- $\gamma$ . MCP-1 levels are increased during infection and inflammation, which are both characterized by leukocyte infiltration. *In vitro* studies have shown that the MCP isoforms exhibit their chemotactic effects on different subpopulations of lymphocytes. MCP-1 is a potent basophil activator but does not affect eosinophils, whereas MCP-2 stimulates both eosinophils and basophils. MCP-3 has been shown to have the broadest range of influence, activating monocytes, dendritic cells, lymphocytes, natural killer cells, eosinophils, basophils and neutrophils. Two MCP-1 receptors that differ in their carboxy-termini have been identified.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CCL2 (human) mapping to 17q11.2-q21.1; Ccl2 (mouse) mapping to 11 C-E1.

## SOURCE

MCP-1 (hBA-76) is produced in *E. coli* as 8.6 kDa biologically active protein corresponding to 76 amino acids of MCP-1 of human origin.

## PRODUCT

MCP-1 (hBA-76) is purified from bacterial lysates (>98%); supplied as 20  $\mu$ g purified protein.

## BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

MCP-1 (hBA-76) is biologically active as determined by its ability to chemoattract human monocytes using a concentration range of 5–20 ng/ml.

## RECONSTITUTION

In order to avoid freeze/thaw damaging of the active protein, dilute protein when first used to desired working concentration. Either a sterile filtered standard buffer (such as 50mM TRIS or 1X PBS) or water can be used for the dilution. Store any thawed aliquot in refrigeration at 2° C to 8° C for up to four weeks, and any frozen aliquot at -20° C to -80° C for up to one year. It is recommended that frozen aliquots be given an amount of standard cryopreservative (such as Ethylene Glycol or Glycerol 5-20% v/v), and refrigerated samples be given an amount of carrier protein (such as heat inactivated FBS or BSA to 0.1% v/v) or non-ionic detergent (such as Triton X-100 or Tween 20 to 0.005% v/v), to aid stability during storage.

## STORAGE

Store desiccated at -20° C. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

## RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.

## PROTOCOLS

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