

## IL-2 (mBA-149): sc-4879

### BACKGROUND

Lymphokines are a group of signaling molecules involved in communication between cells of the immune system. Lymphokines secreted by activated lymphocytes include proteins such as interleukin-2. This protein is secreted primarily by helper T cells that have been activated through the T cell receptor complex or by other mitogens. Cells targeted by IL-2 include activated T helper and cytotoxic T cells, inducing their proliferation. The secretion of IL-2 can also act as a growth factor for B cells. To date, three different IL-2-dependent signal transduction pathways have been identified: the c-Fos/c-Jun induction pathway mediated by Src family protein-tyrosine kinases, the c-Myc induction pathway and the rapamycin-sensitive pathway, all of which result in the induction of Bcl-2. In addition, the transcription factor NFAT has been shown to play a major role in the regulation of IL-2 transcription and correlates to an age-related decline in the expression of IL-2.

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### SOURCE

IL-2 (mBA-149) is produced in *E. coli* as 17.2 kDa biologically active protein corresponding to 149 amino acids of IL-2 of mouse origin.

### PRODUCT

IL-2 (mBA-149) is purified from bacterial lysates (>98%); supplied as 20 µg purified protein.

### BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

IL-2 (mBA-149) is biologically active as determined by the dose-dependent stimulation of murine CTLL-2 cells.

ED<sub>50</sub>: < 0.2 ng/ml.

Specific Activity: > 5 x 10<sup>6</sup> units/mg.

### 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 cryo-preserved (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.

### RESEARCH USE

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

### PROTOCOLS

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