

LIF (mBA-FL): sc-4378

BACKGROUND

Embryonic stem (ES) cells are the focus of much research and represent great therapeutic potential as they can be propagated indefinitely in an undifferentiated state while possessing the ability to differentiate into all embryonic germ layers (endoderm, ectoderm and mesoderm) both *in vivo* and *in vitro*. LIF (leukemia inhibitory factor), also known as MLPLI (melanoma-derived LPL inhibitor), HILDA, DIA or CDF, is a 202 amino acid secreted protein and lymphoid factor that participates in the maintenance of ES cell pluripotency by suppressing spontaneous ES cell differentiation. Secreted LIF precursor is further processed into a biologically active glycoprotein. Expressed by a wide variety of cells including activated T lymphocytes, monocytes, mast cells and neuronal cells, LIF is suggested to promote survival and growth of axons *in vitro* and is involved in immune tolerance at the maternal-fetal interface. LIF may also participate in fat and bone metabolism and regulate epithelial conversion during kidney development.

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SOURCE

LIF (mBA-FL) is produced in *E. coli* as 47 kDa tagged biologically active fusion protein corresponding to amino acids 24-203 of mature LIF of mouse origin.

PRODUCT

LIF (mBA-FL) is purified from bacterial lysates (> 98%); supplied as 50 µg lyophilized protein.

APPLICATIONS

LIF (mBA-FL) is a potent inhibitor of spontaneous embryonic mouse stem cell differentiation.

Molecular Weight of LIF precursor: 22 kDa.

Molecular Weight of mature glycosylated LIF: 40-45 kDa.

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.

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