

# RANKL (hBA-FL): sc-4617

## BACKGROUND

Members of the tumor necrosis factor (TNF) receptor superfamily interact with signaling molecules of the TNF receptor-associated factor (TRAF) family to activate the NF $\kappa$ B and JNK pathways. RANK (receptor activator of NF $\kappa$ B) is a member of the TNFR family identified on dendritic cells. This type I membrane receptor is expressed in a broad range of tissues. The C-terminus of RANK is required for RANK to bind TRAF2, 5 and 6, and it is also necessary for stimulating NF $\kappa$ B activation. The ligand for this receptor, RANKL (also designated TRANCE, OPGL or ODF), is a type II transmembrane protein expressed primarily in lymphoid tissues and T cell lines. RANKL appears to be an important regulator of T cells and osteoclasts.

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## SOURCE

RANKL (hBA-FL) is produced in *E. coli* as 20 kDa biologically active protein corresponding to the full length soluble form of RANKL of human origin.

## PRODUCT

RANKL (hBA-FL) is purified from bacterial lysates (>98%); supplied as 10  $\mu$ g purified protein.

## BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

RANKL (hBA-FL) is biologically active as determined by the dose-dependant stimulation of IL-8 production by human PBMC.

Expected ED<sub>50</sub>: <10 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.

## RESEARCH USE

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

## PROTOCOLS

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