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# **Product Information**

Insulin-like Growth Factor-I, human recombinant, expressed in *E. coli* 

Catalog Number **I3769** Storage Temperature –20 °C

Synonyms: IGF-I, Somatomedin-C

### **Product Description**

Insulin-like growth factors I and II are closely related polypeptides from a common ancestor. <sup>1,2</sup> IGF-I is a single chain polypeptide of 70 amino acid residues crosslinked by three disulfide bridges. <sup>1</sup> Its molecular mass is ~7.6 kDa. IGF-I, which is identical to somatomedin C, <sup>3</sup> is under the control of pituitary growth hormone. <sup>4</sup> IGF-I is mitogenic for a variety of cells including fibroblasts, osteoblasts, smooth muscle cells, fetal brain cells, neuroglial cells, and erythroid progenitor cells. <sup>4</sup> To control cell proliferation and differentiation, IGF-I regulates specific events in the G<sub>1</sub> phase of the animal cell cycle. <sup>4</sup> IGF-I stimulates myoblast differentiation and myotubal formation. <sup>4</sup> IGF-I has insulin-like effects, such as stimulation of glucose consumption in adipose tissue, and displays homology to proinsulin. <sup>1</sup>

This product is lyophilized from 0.2  $\mu$ m-filtered aqueous solution with no additives.

The biological activity of recombinant human Insulin-Like Growth Factor I is measured by a dose-dependent cell proliferation assay. The ED<sub>50</sub> is defined as the effective concentration of growth factor that elicits a 50% increase of cell growth in a cell based bioassay.

ED<sub>50</sub>: ≤10.0 ng/ml using mouse Balb/3T3 cells.

## **Precautions and Disclaimer**

This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

#### **Preparation Instructions**

It is recommended to centrifuge the vial prior to reconstitution. A stock solution may be prepared by reconstituting in sterile 0.2% acetic acid (recommended) to a concentration of 1.0 mg/ml. The stock solution may be diluted further using aqueous buffers.

#### Storage/Stability

Store the product at -20 °C. After reconstitution, the product can be stored at 2-8 °C for up to 1 month. For extended storage, freeze in working aliquots. Repeated freezing and thawing is not recommended. Do not store in a frost-free freezer.

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