ISOkine
PREMIUM GRADE GROWTH FACTORS AND CYTOKINES

Animal-Free | Endotoxin-Free | Carrier-Free

FGF-2, human, recombinant

Catalog Number: IK0200

DESCRIPTION
Fibroblast growth factor 2 (FGF-2, FGF basic, FGFb, bFGF, FGF2) is a member of the fibroblast growth factor (FGF) family. FGF family members are heparin binding multifunctional proteins and are involved in a variety of biological processes including angiogenesis, wound healing, and embryonic development. FGF-2 is known to play a key role during prenatal development and postnatal growth and regeneration of tissues by promoting cellular proliferation and differentiation. FGF-2 has been recognized as a critical component of human embryonic stem cell culture medium due to its vital role for cells to remain in an undifferentiated state. FGF-2 signals through FGFR 1b, 1c, 2c, 3c and 4.

SOURCE
Produced in the endosperm tissue of barley grain (*Hordeum vulgare*). ISOkine® growth factors and cytokines are animal-free and serum-free and void of antibiotics, endotoxins, viruses, and prions.

FORMULATION
2xPBS pH 7.2, sterile filtered through 0.22 µm filter.

PURITY
> 95% by SDS-PAGE gel analysis.

SHELF LIFE
The lyophilized protein has a shelf life for 5 years when stored at < 20°C.

RECONSTITUTION
Always centrifuge the vial before opening. It is recommended to reconstitute the lyophilized protein in sterile buffered saline to a concentration of no less than 100 µg/ml. For long term storage of the reconstituted solution, it is recommended to add a carrier protein (0.1% HSA or BSA).

STABILITY
The lyophilized protein, though stable at room temperature for a few weeks, is best stored at -20°C. Reconstituted protein should be used immediately or stored in working aliquots at -20°C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY
Each batch of ISOkine® growth factors is tested for bioactivity and verified to have comparable activity to a commercial source. The bioactivity of ISOkine® recombinant human FGF-2 is assayed by measuring its dose-dependent effect on the proliferation of 3T3 cells. The ED50 for this effect using FGF-2 is typically <0.6 ng/ml. Optimal concentration should be determined for specific applications and cell lines.

ENDOTOXIN LEVEL
Endotoxin level is < 0.0100 EU per µg of ISOkine® product by LAL method.

MAT ASSAY
Purified ISOkine® product carries no pyrogenic or pro-inflammatory contaminants, as assayed with monocyte activation test using Human 10-plex Cytokine Assay measuring IL-6, TNF-alpha and IL-1beta induction.
(Ref. The Blood Bank, University Hospital of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland.)

MOLECULAR WEIGHT
Recombinant human FGF-2 contains 146 amino acids and an N-terminal 6 amino acid histidine tag for a total length of 152 amino acids and has a predicted molecular mass of 17.2 kDa.

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