

## Recombinant Ovine Interferon-tau (rOvIFN-τ)

## **ChemWhat Technical Data Sheet (TDS)**

Catalog Number:

166-07

Source:

Yeast

Molecular Weight:

Approximately 19.9 kDa, a single glycosylated polypeptide chain containing 172 amino acids.

Quantity:

 $2 \mu g / 10 \mu g / 1000 \mu g$ 

AA Sequence:

CYLSRKLMLD ARENLKLLDR MNRLSPHSCL QDRKDFGLPQ EMVEGDQLQK DQAFPVLYEM LQQSFNLFYT EHSSAAWDTT LLEQLCTGLQ QQLDHLDTCR

GQVMGEEDSE LGNMDPIVTV KKYFQGIYDY LQEKGYSDCA WEIVRVEMMR

ALTVSTTLOK RLTKMGGDLN SP

**Purity:** 

> 97 % by SDS-PAGE and HPLC analyses.

**Biological Activity:** 

Fully biologically active when compared to IFN-alpha. The specific activity determined by a viral

resistance assay is no less than  $1.0 \times 10^7$  IU/mg.

Physical Appearance:

Sterile Filtered White lyophilized (freeze-dried) powder.

Formulation:

Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered concentrated solution in PBS, pH 7.4.

Endotoxin:

Less than 0.1 EU/μg of rOvIFN-τ as determined by LAL method.

Reconstitution:

We recommend that this vial be briefly centrifuged prior to opening to bring the contents to the bottom. Reconstitute in sterile distilled water or aqueous buffer containing 0.1 % BSA to a concentration of 0.1-1.0 mg/mL. Stock solutions should be apportioned into working aliquots and

stored at  $\leq$  -20°C. Further dilutions should be made in appropriate buffered solutions.

Shipping:

The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature

recommended below.

Stability & Storage:

Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.

1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

• 3 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

Usage:

ChemWhat Limited in UK offers this branded product for research, development or further

evaluation purposes. NOT FOR HUMAN USE.

## Ovine Interferon-tau

IFN-τ is a new class of type I IFN that is secreted by the trophoblast and is the signal for maternal recognition of pregnancy in sheep. IFN-τ has potent immunosuppressive and antiviral activities similar to other type I IFN but is less cytotoxic than IFN- $\alpha/\beta$ . The current investigation concerns the effect of recombinant ovine IFN-tau (rOvIFN-τ) on the modulation of MHC class I and II expression on cloned mouse cerebrovascular endothelial (CVE) cells. IFN-tau induced tyrosine phosphorylation of Stat1 and up regulated the expression of MHC class I on CVE. One proposed action by which type I IFN reduce the relapse rate in MS is via interference with IFN- $\gamma$ -induced MHC class II expression. IFN- $\tau$  was shown to down regulate IFN- $\gamma$ -induced MHC class II expression on CVE and, hence, may be of potential therapeutic value in down regulating inflammation in the central nervous system (CNS). IFN- $\tau$  did not upregulate the expression of MHC class II on CVE. IFN- $\tau$  also inhibited the replication of Theiler's virus in CVE.

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