

Human CNTF research grade

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Products Human CNTF, research grade.

Recombinant human ciliary neurotrophic factor.

Content in µg	Order no.
5	130-096-337
20	130-096-336
100	130-108-972
1000	130-123-659

Biological activity

The ED₅₀ is \leq 150 ng/mL corresponding to an

activity of $\geq 6.6 \times 10^3$ U/mg.

 \blacktriangle Note: The ED $_{50}$ is determined by proliferation assay using

human TF-1 cells.

Primary structure

Single, non-glycosylated polypeptide chain

(199 amino acid residues).

Molecular mass

22.8 kDa.

Source

Produced in *E. coli*.

Product format

Lyophilized from a filtered (0.2 µm) buffer

solution.

Stabilizer

None.

Purity Endotoxin level >97% as determined by SDS-PAGE analysis. Low endotoxin (<1.0 EU/µg cytokine) as

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determined by Limulus Amebocyte Lysate

(LAL) assay.

Storage

Lyophilized Human CNTF, research grade should be stored at -20 °C. The expiration date is indicated on the vial label. Upon reconstitution aliquots should be stored at -20 °C or below. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Reconstitution

It is recommended to reconstitute lyophilized Human CNTF, research grade with deionized sterile-filtered water to a final concentration of 0.1–1.0 mg/mL in a minimal volume of 50 μL . Further dilutions should be prepared with 0.1% bovine serum albumin (BSA) or human serum albumin (HSA) in phosphate-buffered

saline.

1.1 Background information

Ciliary neurotrophic factor (CNTF), also known as membraneassociated neurotransmitter stimulating factor (MANS), is a potent neural factor that was initially purified from chick embryo ocular tissue. In terms of neuronal specificity CNTF overlaps with neurotrophins, although its cellular localisation, receptor structure, and signaling pathway are distinct from those of the neurotrophin family. The CNTF α receptor has been localized to skeletal muscles and to the nervous system. One receptor subunit is known as gp130 which is also a component of receptors for the leukaemia inhibitory factor (LIF), interleukin 6 (IL-6), interleukin 11 (IL-11), and oncostatin M (OSM). CNTF is present in normal peripheral nerves, localised mainly in the cytoplasm of myelin-associated Schwann cells as well as astrocytes in the central nervous system. It promotes the survival of neurons and oligodendrocytes as well as sensory neurons, motor neurons, basal forebrain neurons, and type 2 astrocytes. CNTF is highly conserved across species and exhibits cross-species activity.

1.2 Applications

Human CNTF may be used for a variety of applications, including:

- Survival factor for neurons and oligodendrocytes.
- Promotion of neurotransmitter synthesis and neurite outgrowth in neuronal populations including astrocytes.
- Growth promotion of parasympathetic neurons and sympathetic, sensory, and spinal motor neurons *in vitro*.
- Differentiation of progenitor cells in oligodendrocytes or astrocytes.

Optimal concentration for a specific application should be determined by a dose-response experiment.

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