

## IL-12 Protein, Rat, Recombinant (His)

### General Information

Synonyms:	NKSF;CLMF;TCMF;Cytotoxic lymphocyte maturation factor;IL12;TSF;CTL maturation factor
Protein Construction:	Arg23-Ser215
Species:	Rat
Expression Host:	CHO Cells
Accession:	Q9R103
Molecular Weight:	26~28 kDa (p35), 42~45 kDa (p40) (Reducing conditions)

### QC Testing

Biological Activity:	ED 50 < 0.1 ng/ml, measured in a cell proliferation assay using 2D6 cells.
Purity:	> 95% as determined by SDS-PAGE
Endotoxin:	< 0.2 EU/μg of protein as determined by the LAL method.
Formulation:	Lyophilized from a 0.2 μm filtered solution in PBS.

### Preparation and Storage

#### Reconstitution:

Reconstitute the lyophilized protein in sterile deionized water. The product concentration should not be less than 100 μg/ml. Before opening, centrifuge the tube to collect powder at the bottom. After adding the reconstitution buffer, avoid vortexing or pipetting for mixing.

#### Stability & Storage:

Upon receiving, this product remains stable for up to 6 months at lower than -70°C. Upon reconstitution, the product should be stable for up to 1 week at 4°C or up to 3 months at -20°C. For long term storage it is recommended that a carrier protein (example 0.1% BSA) be added. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

Actual storage temperature shall be subject to the COA.

#### Shipping:

In general, lyophilized powders are shipped with blue ice, while solutions are shipped with dry ice.

### Protein Background

Interleukin-12 (IL-12), also known as NKSF, TCMF, CLMF and TSF, is a heterodimeric cytokine composed of p35 and p40 subunits. It is produced by monocytes, macrophages, B cells and dendritic cells in response to bacterial lipopolysaccharides and intracellular pathogens. IL-12 signals through the IL-12 receptor complex, which is comprised of IL-12 Rβ1 and IL-12 Rβ2. IL-12 induces the proliferation and activation of hematopoietic stem cells, natural killer cells and T- cells. It is indispensable during the development of Th1 cells, leading to the production of IFN-gamma and IL-2.

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