

**Human IFN- $\beta$**   
**Catalog # PBG10576****Specification**

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**Human IFN- $\beta$  - Product Information****Human IFN- $\beta$  - Additional Information****Description**

Proteins of this family play an important role in inducing non-specific resistance against a broad range of viral infections. They also affect cell proliferation and modulate immune responses. Produced by peripheral blood leukocytes and lymphoblastoid cells, IFN $\alpha$  is an acid stable molecule that signals through IFN $\alpha$ / $\beta$ R, which is also used by IFN $\beta$ . Both IFNs have similar anti-viral activity and regulate expression of MHC class I antigens. IFN $\alpha$  contains four highly conserved cysteine residues which form two disulfide bonds, one of which is necessary for biological activity. Recombinant human IFN $\beta$  is a 20.0 kDa protein containing 166 amino acid residues. Due to glycosylation, IFN $\beta$  has an approximate MW of 22.3 kDa based on SDS-PAGE gel and Mass Spectrometry.

**Biological Activity**

**Assay #1:** Measured by its ability to induce apoptosis in HeLa cells. The expected ED<sub>50</sub> for this effect is 20-30 ng/ml.  
**Assay #2:** Determined by its ability to stimulate the proliferation of human TF-1 cells. The expected ED<sub>50</sub> is  $\leq 0.1$  ng/ml, corresponding to a specific activity of  $\geq 1 \times 10^7$  units/mg.

**Authenticity**

Verified by N-terminal and Mass Spectrometry analyses (when applicable).

**Endotoxin**

Endotoxin level is  $<0.1$  ng/  $\mu$ g of protein ( $<1$  EU/  $\mu$ g).

**Protein Content**

Verified by UV Spectroscopy and/or SDS-PAGE gel.

**Storage**

-20°C

**Precautions**

Human IFN- $\beta$  is for research use only and not for use in diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.

**Human IFN- $\beta$  - Protocols**

Provided below are standard protocols that you may find useful for product applications.

- [Western Blot](#)
- [Blocking Peptides](#)

- [Dot Blot](#)
- [Immunohistochemistry](#)
- [Immunofluorescence](#)
- [Immunoprecipitation](#)
- [Flow Cytometry](#)
- [Cell Culture](#)

## **Human IFN- $\beta$ - Images**