

human cell expressed IL-6^{HCX}

Source	A DNA sequence encoding the human Interleukin 6 protein sequence (containing the signal peptide sequence, and the mature human Interleukin 6 sequence) was expressed in modified human 293 cells.
Molecular Mass	Symansis IL-6 ^{HCX} migrates as a broad band between 20 and 25 kDa in SDS-PAGE due to post-translation modifications, in particular glycosylation. This compares with the unmodified IL-6 that has a predicted molecular mass of 21.0kDa.
рІ	Symansis IL-6 ^{HCX} separates into a number of isoforms with a pl between 5.5 and 7.2 in 2D PAGE due to post-translational modifications, in particular glycosylation. This compares with the unmodified IL-6 that has a predicted pl of 6.22.
% Carbohydrate	Symansis purified IL-6 ^{HCX} consists of 0-20% carbohydrate by weight.
Purity	>95%, as determined by SDS-PAGE and visualized by silver stain.
Formulation	When reconstituted in 0.5 ml sterile phosphate-buffered saline, the solution will contain 1% human serum albumin (HSA) and 10% trehalose.
Reconstitution	It is recommended that 0.5 ml of sterile phosphate-buffered saline be added to the vial.
Storage	Lyophilized products should be stored at 2 to 8°C. Following reconstitution short-term storage at 4°C is recommended and longer-term storage of aliquots at -18 to -20°C. Repeated freeze thawing is not recommended.
Activity	The ED50 of IL-6 ^{HCX} is typically 0.15 - 0.35 ng/ml as measured in a cell proliferation assay using a human growth factor-dependent TF-1 cell line.
Background Information	IL-6 is a pleotropic cytokine that regulates the development, proliferation and maturation of a number of hematopoietic cells and is essential for the maturation of B cells into immunoglobulin-secreting cells. IL-6 can also influence the growth and function of non-hematopoietic cells including the differentiation of nerve cells, metabolism of bone and induction of acute phase proteins in hepatocytes.
	IL-6 is predominately expressed by T cells, macrophages, fibroblasts, endothelial cells and keratinocytes. IL-6 expression can be stimulated by a number of different factors including, T cell mitogens, LPS, viruses, IL-1, TNF, IL-2, IFN-b, platelet derived growth factor (PDGF), protein kinase C, calcium ionophore A23187 and factors that increase the intracellular concentration of cAMP.
	IL-6 is expressed as a glycoprotein with a variable molecular mass as a result of differential glycosylation/phosphorylation patterns. At least six distinct IL-6 phosphoglycoproteins have been identified. The lower molecular weight species, 23- to 25-kDa, are O-glycosylated while the 28- to 30-kDa species are both O- and N-glycosylated.
	For a review of the mechanism by which the IL-6/IL-6R complex regulates the inflammatory and neoplastic state please refer to Jones SA <i>et al.</i> , (2005) <i>J Interferon Cytokine Res.</i> 25 (5): 241-53.



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