# **Recombinant Human IL-18**

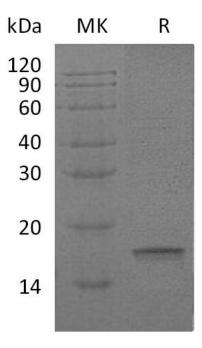
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### **Basic Information**

Information	
Source	E.coli
Description	Recombinant Human Interleukin-18 is produced by our E.coli expression system and the target gene encoding Tyr37-Asp193 is expressed.
Accession	Q14116
Known As	Interleukin-18; Iboctadekin; Interferon gamma-inducing factor; IFN-gamma-inducing factor; Interleukin-1 gamma; IL-1 gamma; GIF; IL-18; IL-1g; IL1F4; MGC12320
<b>Predicted Mol Mass</b>	18.2 KDa
<b>Apparent Mol Mass</b>	17 KDa, reducing conditions
Properties	
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 μm filtered solution of PBS, pH 7.4.
Storage	Lyophilized protein should be stored at $\leq$ -20°C, stable for one year after receipt. Reconstituted protein solution can be stored at 2-8°C for 2-7 days. Aliquots of reconstituted samples are stable at $\leq$ -20°C for 3 months.
Endotoxin	< 1 EU/μg as determined by LAL test.
Reconstitution	Always centrifuge tubes before opening. Do not mix by vortex or pipetting. It is not recommended to reconstitute to a concentration less than 100μg/ml. Dissolve the lyophilized protein in distilled water. Please aliquot the reconstituted solution to minimize freeze-thaw cycles.
Shipping	The product is shipped at ambient temperature.  Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature listed below.

#### **Experimental Data**

#### **Purity-SDS-PAGE**



Greater than 95% as determined by reducing SDS-PAGE. (QC verified)

## **Background**

Interleukin-18 is a secreted protein and it belongs to the IL-1 family. IL-18 is a proinflammatory cytokine and produced by macrophages and other cells. This cytokine can induce the IFN-gamma production of T cells. The combination of this cytokine and IL12 has been shown to inhibit IL-4 dependent IgE and IgG1 production, and enhance IgG2a production of B cells. IL-18 binding protein (IL18BP) can specifically interact with this cytokine, and thus negatively regulate its biological activity. After stimulation with IL-18, natural killer (NK) cells and certain T cells release another important cytokine called interferon-γ (IFN-γ) or type II interferon that plays an important role in activating the macrophages or other cells.