

Human Interferon alpha (leukocyte derived) Reference standard

Cat. No. IFNA-144H **Lot. No.** (See product label)

SPECIFICATION

Product Overview

This preparation is the Reference Standard for human interferon alpha of leukocyte origin. This preparation is recommended for calibration of leukocyte-derived human interferon alpha preparations, with the exception of interferon alpha n3.

Species

Human

Enzyme Unit

11,000 International Units (IU) per ampoule.

Usage

No attempt should be made to weigh out any portion of the freeze-dried material prior to reconstitution. Dissolve the total contents of the ampoule in 0.5ml of sterile distilled water and transfer to a sterile container. Rinse the ampoule with 0.4ml of sterile distilled water and add to the first solution. Make up the total volume to 1.0ml with sterile distilled water. The final solution will contain IFN alpha at a concentration of 11000 International Units per ml. Use carrier protein where dilution is required.

Notes

This preparation is not for administration to humans. The preparation contains material of human origin, and either the final product or the source materials, from which it is derived, have been tested and found negative for HBsAg, anti-HIV and HCV RNA. As with all materials of biological origin, this preparation should be regarded as potentially hazardous to health. It should be used and discarded according to your own laboratory's safety procedures. Such safety procedures should include the wearing of protective gloves and avoiding the generation of aerosols. Care should be exercised in opening ampoules or vials, to avoid cuts.

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Stability

Reference materials are held at Creative Biomart within assured, temperature-controlled storage facilities and they should be stored on receipt as indicated on the label. Accelerated degradation studies have indicated that this material is suitably stable, when stored at -20°C or below, for the assigned values to remain valid until the material is withdrawn or replaced. These studies have also shown that the material is suitably stable for shipment at ambient temperature without any effect on the assigned values. Once reconstituted, diluted or aliquoted, users should determine the stability of the material according to their own method of preparation, storage and use. Users who have data supporting any deterioration in the characteristics of any reference preparation are encouraged to contact Creative Biomart.

Storage

Unopened ampoules should be stored at -20°C. For economy of use, it is recommended that the solution be sub divided into several small aliquots and stored at -40°C or below. Please note: because of the inherent stability of lyophilized material, Creative Biomart may ship these materials at ambient temperature.

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