# **Product** Data Sheet

# IFN-alpha 13/IFNA13 Protein, Mouse (HEK293, Fc)

Cat. No.: HY-P73124

Synonyms: Interferon alpha-13; IFN-alpha-13; LeIF D; IFNA13

Species: Mouse
Source: HEK293

Accession: Q80SU4 (C24-E189)

**Gene ID:** 230396

Molecular Weight: Approximately 60 kDa

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Appearance	Lyophilized powder.
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 $\mu$ m filtered solution of PBS, pH 7.4. Normally 5 % - 8 % trehalose, mannitol and 0.01% Tween 80 are added as protectants before lyophilization.
Endotoxin Level	<1 EU/µg, determined by LAL method.
Reconsititution	It is not recommended to reconstitute to a concentration less than 100 $\mu g/mL$ in ddH <sub>2</sub> O.
Storage & Stability	Stored at -20°C for 2 years. After reconstitution, it is stable at 4°C for 1 week or -20°C for longer (with carrier protein). It is recommended to freeze aliquots at -20°C or -80°C for extended storage.
Shipping	Room temperature in continental US; may vary elsewhere.

## **DESCRIPTION**

### Background

IFN-alpha 13 (IFNA13; IFN- $\alpha$ 13) is produced by the macrophages, belongs to the alpha/beta interferon (IFN) family, a family of cytokines induced by viral infection and are primarily involved in antiviral defense of the cells<sup>[1]</sup>. Interferon (IFN) is originally identified as a substance 'interfering' with viral replication in vitro. IFN- $\alpha$ / $\beta$  and related molecules are classified as type I IFNs, as for the other two types of type II IFN (IFN- $\gamma$ ) and type III IFNs (IFN- $\lambda$ ), respectively<sup>[2]</sup>.

Interferon stimulates the production of two enzymes: a protein kinase and an oligoadenylate synthetase. Interferon alpha (IFNa) shows significant biological activity in various cancers, paticularly haematological malignancies such as hairy cell leukaemia and chronic myelogenous leukaemia<sup>[3]</sup>.

IFN-alpha13 exhibits acid-stable antiviral activity against Theiler's virus, Mengo virus, and vesicular stomatitis virus. Firstly, it is transcribed constitutively, independent of viral infection and of interferon regulatory factor-7 induction. Secondly, it contains two N-glycosylation sites, in contrast to other murine IFN-alpha subtypes that contain either one or no N-glycosylation site<sup>[4]</sup>. As for a wildly use of IFN in animal model, the sequence of amino acids in IFNA13 protein of human is very different from mouse (64.55%)

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