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#89628**Human BAFF/TNFSF13B (hBAFF)
Recombinant Protein**

20 µg

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18.5**UniProt ID:**
#Q9Y275**Entrez-Gene Id:**
10673**Background**

BAFF, a member of the TNF superfamily of proteins, is a homotrimeric transmembrane protein, which is cleaved to produce a soluble cytokine (1). BAFF may also further oligomerize into 60-mer structures (1). BAFF is expressed by neutrophils, macrophages, dendritic cells, activated T cells, and epithelial cells (1,2). BAFF plays a key role in B cell development, survival, and activation (1,3,4). BAFF binds to three distinct receptors, BAFF-R, TACI, and BCMA (1). These receptors are differentially expressed during B cell development and among B cell subsets (1,2,4). While BAFF-R and BCMA bind to the homotrimeric form of BAFF, TACI only binds to membrane bound or higher order BAFF structures (1). The BAFF/ BAFF-R interaction activates both canonical and non-canonical NF-κB pathways, PI3K/Akt, and mTOR (2,4). Activation of the noncanonical NF-κB pathway via BAFF-R is negatively regulated by TRAF3 (5). Elevated levels of BAFF may exacerbate many autoimmune disorders, making it an attractive therapeutic target (2).

Endotoxin

Less than or equal to 1 EU / 1 µg hBAFF.

Purity

A greater than 90% purity was determined by SDS-PAGE.

Source / PurificationRecombinant human BAFF was expressed in *E. coli* and is supplied in a lyophilized form.**Background References**

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