

## CNTF, Human

**Cat. No.:** Z02745-1

**Size:** 1.0 mg

**Synonyms:** Ciliary Neurotrophic Factor (CNTF), Human;

### Description:

Ciliary neurotrophic factor (CNTF) is a polypeptide initially purified from chick embryo ocular tissue and identified as a trophic factor for embryonic chick ciliary parasympathetic neurons in culture. Subsequent studies have demonstrated that CNTF is a survival factor for additional neuronal cell types including: dorsal root ganglion sensory neurons, sympathetic ganglion neurons, embryonic motor neurons, major pelvic ganglion neurons and hippocampal neurons. CNTF has also been shown to prevent the degeneration of motor axons after axotomy. The gene for human CNTF has been localized to the proximal region of the long arm of chromosome 11. The cDNA for human CNTF encodes a 200 amino acid residue polypeptide that lacks a signal sequence. CNTF is highly conserved across species and exhibits cross-species activities. Human and rat CNTF share approximately 83% homology in their protein sequence. CNTF is structurally related to IL-6, IL-11, LIF and OSM. All of these four helix bundle cytokines share gp130 as a signal-transducing subunit in their receptor complexes.

### Amino Acid Sequence:

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00001 MAFTEHSPLT PHRRDLCRS IWLARKIRSD LTALTESYVK
00041 HQGLNKNINL DSADGMPVAS TDQWSELTEA ERLQENLQAY
00081 RTFHVLLARL LEDQVHFTP TEGDFHQAIH TLLLQVAFA
00121 YQIEELMILL EYKIPRNEAD GMPINVDGG LFEKKLWGLK
00161 VLQELSQWTV RSIHDLRFIS SHQTGIPARG SHYIANNKMM
00201
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**Source:** *E. coli*

**Species:** Human

**Biological Activity:** Fully biologically active when compared to standard. The ED<sub>50</sub> as determined by a cell proliferation assay using human TF-1 cells is less than 150 ng/ml, corresponding to a specific activity of > 6.7 × 10<sup>3</sup> IU/mg.

**Molecular Weight:** Approximately 22.9 kDa, a single non-glycosylated polypeptide chain containing 200 amino acids.

**Formulation:** Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered concentrated solution in PBS, pH 7.4.

**Appearance:** Sterile Filtered White lyophilized (freeze-dried) powder.

**Reconstitution:** We recommend that this vial be briefly centrifuged prior to opening to bring the contents to the bottom. Reconstitute in sterile distilled water or aqueous buffer containing 0.1 % BSA to a concentration of 0.1-1.0 mg/mL. Stock solutions should be apportioned into working aliquots and stored at ≤ -20 °C. Further dilutions should be made in appropriate buffered solutions.

**Purity:** > 97 % by SDS-PAGE and HPLC analyses.

**Endotoxin Level:** Less than 1 EU/µg of rHuCNTF as determined by LAL method.

**Storage:** This lyophilized preparation is stable at 2-8 °C, but should be kept at -20 °C for long term storage, preferably desiccated. Upon reconstitution, the preparation is stable for up to one week at 2-8 °C. For maximal stability, apportion the reconstituted preparation into working aliquots and store at -20 °C to -70 °C. Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles.