

Interferon gamma-1b

Summary

Interferon gamma-1b is a form of recombinant human interferon used to treat infections associated with chronic granulomatous disease and to slow the progression of severe malignant osteopetrosis.

Description

Brand Name	Gammarec®
Generic Name	Interferon gamma-1b
N-terminal Sequence Analysis	Met-Gln-Asp-Pro-Tyr-Val-Lys-Glu-Ala-Glu-Asn-Leu-Lys-Lys-Tyr

Background

Human Interferon gamma-1b (140 residues), produced from *E. coli*. Production of Gammarec® is achieved by fermentation of a genetically engineered *Escherichia coli* bacterium containing the DNA which encodes for the human protein. Purification of the product is achieved by conventional column chromatography. Gammarec® is a high purified sterile solution consisting of non-covalent dimers of two identical 16465 dalton monomers.

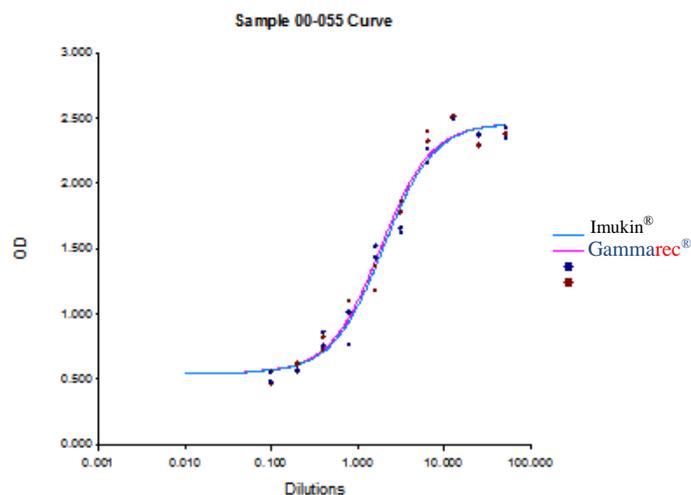
Specifications

Covalent Dimers & Oligomers	>2%, determined by size-exclusion chromatography (2.2.30)
Monomer and Aggregates	>2%, determined by size-exclusion chromatography (2.2.30)
Deamidated & Oxidised Forms & heterodimers	>10% for deamidated and oxidised forms and, >3% for heterodimers, Examine by liquid chromatography (2.2.29)
SDS-PAGE	17 kDa
Potency	Estimated by evaluating the increase of the expression of human-leukocyte-antigen-DR (HLA-DR) due to the interferon gamma-1b present in test solutions during cultivation of the cells, and comparing this increase with the same effect of the appropriate International Standard of human recombinant interferon gamma. The estimated specific activity is 16-25 x10 ⁶ IU/mg.
Endotoxin Level	<0.01 EU per 1 μ g of the protein by the LAL method.
Purity	>97%, by SDS-PAGE with silver staining,
Host Cell Protein	<0.5 ng per μ g of protein when tested by ELISA.
Host Cell DNA	<0.0015 ng per μ g of protein when tested by PCR.
Formulation	liquid from contains: 100 mcg of interferon gamma-1b formulated in 20 mg mannitol, 0.36 succinic acid, 0.05 mg Tween 20. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

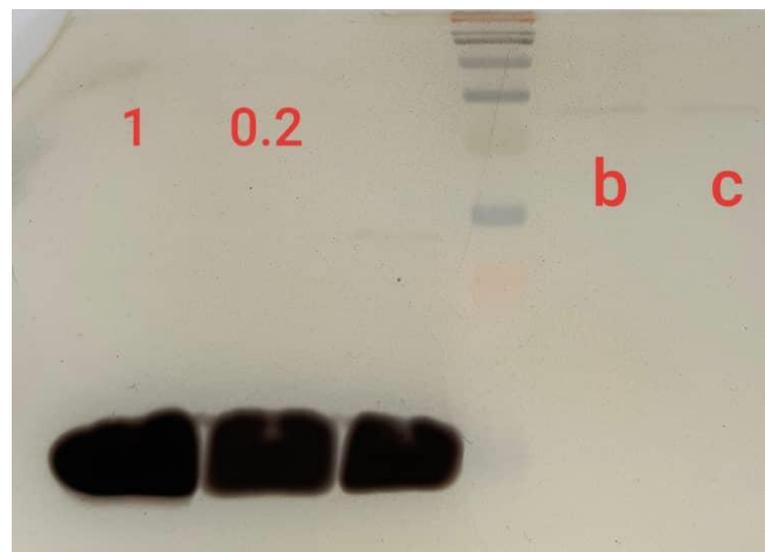
Preparation and Storage

Reconstitution	The product is ready to use and it doesn't need any reconstitution
Shipping	The product is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at 2-8° C. Do not freeze.
Stability & Storage	Shelf life: 24 month at 2-8° C. Left over time: 24 hours. Avoid excessive or vigorous agitation. Do not shake.

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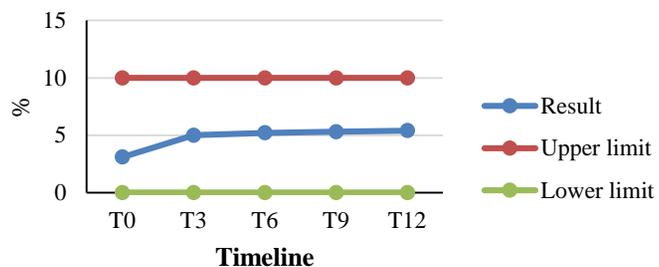
The expression of HLA-DR was increased by Gammarec®. Calculations was done by Gen5 software and Imukin was used as the standard sample.



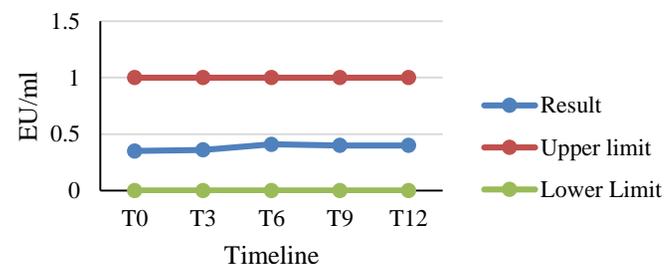
A 15% SDS-PAGE of protein expression levels of human Interferon gamma-1b and visualized by silver staining. It showed the single band at 17 kDa. Lane 1: sample contain 1 mg/ml Gammarec® (interferon gamma-1b). Lane 2: sample contains 0.2 mg/ml Gammarec® (interferon gamma-1b). Lane 3: CRS, Lane 4: Protein Ladder, Lane 4&5: reference solutions.

Stability Data

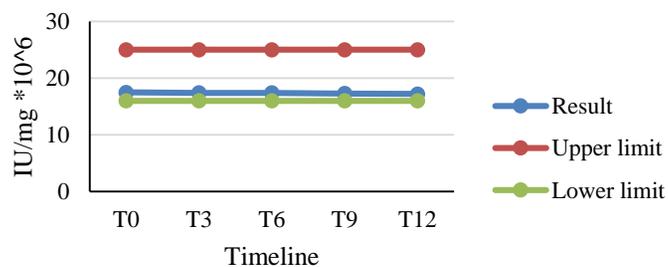
Deamidated&oxidised Forms



Bacterial endotoxin

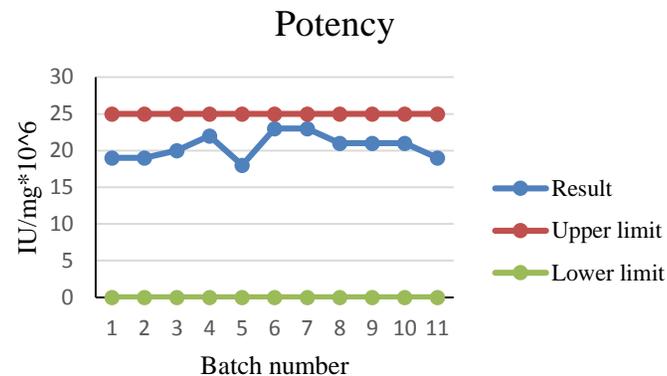
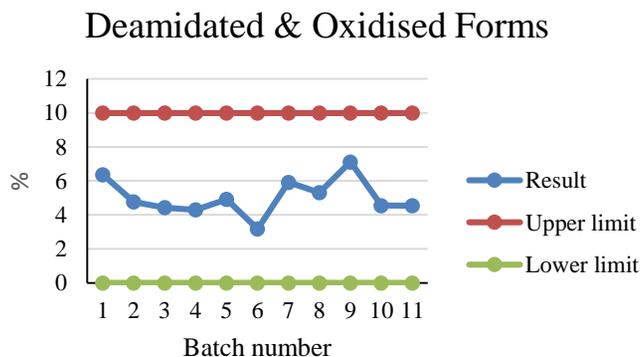


Potency



Stability data shows **Gammarec®** maintain its original form without any visible changes under the long term storage condition.

Assess Quality Consistency



Cp: 1.5, Cpk: 1.5

The quality control result indicated the maintenance of Gammarec® consistency

Manufacturing Specifications

Gammarec® are produced according to relevant sections of the following documents: Good Manufacturing Practices for Biological Products; USP 42, and BP2019.

Quality system's focus includes:

- Documented processes and QA control of documentation and process changes
- Personnel training programs
- Raw material testing and vendor qualification/monitoring
- validated equipment, processes and test methods
- Equipment calibration schedules
- Facility maintenance, safety programs and pest control
- Material review process for variances
- Monitoring of stability over product shelf-life

Gammarec® Pharmacokinetics

Interferon are not absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract. Peak plasma concentrations of interferon gamma-1b occur about 7 hours after subcutaneous injection. Half-lives 5.9 hours (subcutaneous administration) have been reported.

Indication

A- FDA-Approved Indications of Interferon Gamma:

- It is indicated for reducing the frequency and severity of serious infections associated with chronic granulomatous disease (CGD).
- It is indicated for delaying time to disease progression in patients with severe, malignant osteopetrosis (SMO).

B. Compendial Uses:

Mycosis fungoides/Sezary syndrome

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.(1)

Off-label usages:

Mucormycosis (2), Covid-19 (3), Tuberculosis (4), Antiviral effect (5), Sepsis (6), Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (7), pneumonia (8), Mendelian Susceptibility to Mycobacterial Disease (MSMD) (9).

PSUR Report

The flu-like symptoms associated with this drug were seen in Gammarec® injection and the dominant complaint was low fever, which is also common with the brand product PSUR studies as reported internationally in documents and journals. The dominant side-effects as reported for one in ten of patients who they have administrated interferon gamma worldwide were also in line with Gammarec® administration side effects and showed similar pattern and no un-common or serious side effects were seen or reported for the Gammarec® injection during the study period.

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