

Alpaca-ZAP

a tool to "piggyback" onto YOUR antibody via goat anti-alpaca (VHH domain); targeting cells that recognize YOUR primary antibody, eliminated via saporin

Catalog Number: IT-87
Quantity: PBS (0.14 M Sodium Chloride; 0.003 M Potassium Chloride; 0.002 M Potassium Phosphate; 0.01 M Sodium Phosphate; pH 7.4), no preservative. Sterile-filtered.
Format:
Host: Goat
Isotype: IgG

Background:

Alpaca-ZAP can be utilized for screening antibodies for internalization and/or their suitability to make potent immunotoxins. When the *in vitro* results confirm the desired specificity, it is recommended that you order a custom conjugation of your antibody to saporin.

Specificity and Preparation:

This secondary conjugate recognizes YOUR primary antibody. Alpaca-ZAP is a chemical conjugate of goat anti-alpaca IgG (VHH domain) and the ribosome-inactivating protein, saporin. The antibodies used to make Alpaca-ZAP mouse are affinity-purified against the heavy chain of alpaca IgG (VHH domain). The antibody used in this product reacts with the VHH domain of heavy chain (HC) alpaca IgG, subclasses 2 and 3, and with the VHH domain of llama IgG, subclasses 2 and 3. It also reacts with whole molecule alpaca and llama IgG1. Alpaca-ZAP is made with a goat anti-alpaca IgG (VHH domain) secondary antibody.

Usage and Storage:

Alpaca-ZAP uses your mouse primary antibody to target and eliminate cells. This secondary conjugate is used to evaluate the potential of a primary antibody to internalize. **There may be lot-to-lot variation in material; working dilutions must be determined by end user. If this is a new lot, you must assess the proper working dilution before beginning a full experimental protocol.**

Gently spin down material before use; 5-10 seconds in a microfuge should be adequate. The material should be stored at -20°C in undiluted aliquots. Material should be aliquoted to a convenient volume and quantity to avoid repeated freezing and thawing that can damage the protein content. Under these conditions, the material has a very stable shelf-life. Thawing should be done at room temperature or on ice. The thawed solution should remain on ice until use.

Do not use a reducing agent (such as dithiothreitol, beta-mercaptoethanol or ascorbic acid) with this material. It will inactivate the toxin.

If the primary antibody recognizes a human receptor the conjugate will be toxic to human cells expressing the appropriate receptor. Handling should be done by experienced personnel. Gloves and safety glasses are required when handling this product. Care in disposal is mandatory; autoclaving or exposure to 0.2 M sodium hydroxide will inactivate the material. All labware that comes into contact with this material should be likewise treated.

Note: When used in a cytotoxicity assay, un-bound primary antibody will compete with primary antibody bound to Alpaca-ZAP and may reduce cytotoxicity through competitive inhibition of the primary antibody-secondary conjugate complex.



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Available Control(s): Goat IgG-SAP

References:

1. Kohls MD, Lappi DA (2000) Mab-ZAP: A tool for evaluating antibody efficacy for use in an immunotoxin. *BioTechniques* 28(1):162-165.

Safety:

Good laboratory technique must be employed for safe handling of this product.

This requires observation of the following practices:

1. Wear appropriate laboratory attire, including lab coat, gloves and safety glasses.
2. Do not pipet by mouth, inhale, ingest or allow product to come into contact with open wounds. Wash thoroughly any part of the body which comes into contact with the product.
3. Avoid accidental autoinjection by exercising extreme care when handling in conjunction with any injection device.
4. This product is intended for research use by qualified personnel only. It is not intended for use in humans or as a diagnostic agent. Advanced Targeting Systems is not liable for any damages resulting from the misuse or handling of this product.

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