

Reagents Provided

Carboxyfluorescein (CFS)-conjugated mouse monoclonal anti-human IL-13 R α 1: Supplied as 25 μ g of antibody in 1 mL PBS containing 0.1% sodium azide.

Clone #: 419718

Isotype: mouse IgG_{2b}

Reagents Not Provided

- PBS (Dulbecco's PBS)
- BSA

Storage

Reagents are stable for **twelve months** from date of receipt when stored in the dark at 2° - 8° C.

Intended Use

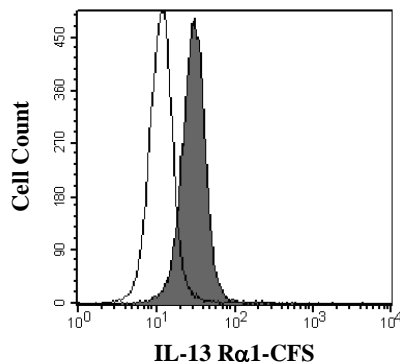
Designed to quantitatively determine the percentage of cells bearing IL-13 R α 1 within a population and qualitatively determine the density of IL-13 R α 1 on cell surfaces by flow cytometry.

Principle of the Test

Washed cells are incubated with the fluorescein-labeled monoclonal antibody, which binds to cells expressing IL-13 R α 1. Unbound fluorescein-conjugated antibody is then washed from the cells. Cells expressing IL-13 R α 1 are fluorescently stained, with the intensity of staining directly proportional to the density of expression of IL-13 R α 1. Cell surface expression of IL-13 R α 1 is determined by flow cytometry using 488 nm wavelength laser excitation and monitoring emitted fluorescence with a detector optimized to collect peak emissions at 515 - 545 nm.

Reagent Preparation

Fluorescein-conjugated mouse anti-human IL-13 R α 1: Use as is; no preparation necessary.



Human neutrophils were stained with CFS-conjugated anti-human IL-13 R α 1 (Catalog # FAB1462A, filled histogram) or isotype control (Catalog # IC0041F, open histogram).

Sample Preparation

Peripheral blood cells: Whole blood should be collected in evacuated tubes containing EDTA or heparin as the anticoagulant. Contaminating serum components should be removed by washing the cells three times in an isotonic phosphate buffer (supplemented with 0.5% BSA) followed by centrifugation at 500 x g for 5 minutes. 50 μ L of packed cells should then be transferred to a 5 mL tube for staining with the monoclonal antibody. Whole blood will require lysis of RBC following the staining procedure.

Cell Cultures: Continuous cell lines or activated cell cultures should be centrifuged at 500 x g for 5 minutes and washed three times in an isotonic PBS buffer (supplemented with 0.5% BSA) to remove any residual growth factors that may be present in the culture medium. Cells should then be resuspended in the same buffer to a final concentration of 4 x 10⁶ cells/mL and 25 μ L of cells (1 x 10⁵) transferred to a 5 mL tube for staining.

Note: Adherent cell lines may require pretreatment with 0.5 mM EDTA to facilitate removal from their substrates. Cells that require trypsinization to enable removal from their substrates should be further incubated in medium for 6 - 10 hours on a rocker platform to allow regeneration of the receptors. The use of the rocker platform will prevent reattachment to the substrate.

Sample Staining

- 1) Cells should be Fc-blocked by treatment with 1 μ g of human IgG/10⁵ cells for 15 minutes at room temperature prior to staining. Do not wash excess blocking IgG from this reaction.
- 2) Transfer 25 μ L of the Fc-blocked cells (1 x 10⁵ cells) or 50 μ L of packed whole blood to a 5 mL tube.
- 3) Add 10 μ L of CFS-conjugated IL-13 R α 1 reagent.
- 4) Incubate for 30 - 45 minutes at 2° - 8° C.
- 5) Following this incubation, remove unreacted IL-13 R α 1 reagent by washing the cells twice in 4 mL of the same PBS buffer (*note: whole blood will require an RBC lysis step at this point using any commercially available lysing reagent, such as R&D Systems Whole Blood Lysing Kit, Catalog # WL1000*).
- 6) Finally, resuspend the cells in 200 - 400 μ L of PBS buffer for analysis by flow cytometry.
- 7) As a control, cells in a separate tube should be treated with CFS-labeled mouse IgG_{2b} antibody.

This procedure may need modification, depending upon final utilization.

Background Information

Two type I membrane proteins belonging to the hemopoietin receptor family have been cloned and shown to bind to IL-13 with differing affinities. The lower affinity IL-13 binding protein is now referred to as IL-13 R α 1 and also is known as CD213a. The high affinity IL-13 binding protein is now referred to as IL-13 R α 2. IL-13 R α 1 combines with IL-4 R α to form a high affinity receptor complex capable of transducing an IL-13-dependent proliferative signal.

Warning: Contains sodium azide as a preservative - sodium azide may react with lead and copper plumbing to form explosive metal azides. Flush with large volumes of water during disposal.