

#### DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b> | Mouse  |
| <b>Specificity</b>        | Detects mouse CTLA-4 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, this antibody does not cross-react with recombinant mouse (rm) CD28, recombinant human CTLA-4, rmlCOS, or rmPD-1.   |
| <b>Source</b>             | Monoclonal Rat IgG <sub>2A</sub> Clone # 63828   |
| <b>Purification</b>       | Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant   |
| <b>Immunogen</b>          | Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant mouse CTLA-4<br>Ala36-Phe161<br>Accession # XP_001479180   |
| <b>Conjugate</b>          | Alexa Fluor 594<br>Excitation Wavelength: 590 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 617 nm  |
| <b>Formulation</b>        | Supplied 0.2 mg/mL in a saline solution containing BSA and Sodium Azide. See Certificate of Analysis for details.<br><br>*Contains <0.1% Sodium Azide, which is not hazardous at this concentration according to GHS classifications. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for additional information and handling instructions. |

#### APPLICATIONS

**Please Note:** Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application. *General Protocols* are available in the *Technical Information* section on our website.

|                       | <b>Recommended Concentration</b> | <b>Sample</b>                       |
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| <b>Flow Cytometry</b> | 0.25-1 µg/10 <sup>6</sup> cells  | Mouse splenocytes treated with ConA |

#### PREPARATION AND STORAGE

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| <b>Shipping</b>                | The product is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.                                  |
| <b>Stability &amp; Storage</b> | <b>Protect from light. Do not freeze.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied.</li> </ul> |

#### BACKGROUND

CTLA-4 and CD28, together with their ligands B7-1 and B7-2, constitute one of the dominant costimulatory pathways that regulate T and B cell responses. CTLA-4 and CD28 are structurally homologous molecules that are members of the immunoglobulin (Ig) gene superfamily. Both CTLA-4 and CD28 are composed of a single Ig V-like extracellular domain, a transmembrane domain and an intracellular domain. CTLA-4 and CD28 are both expressed on the cell surface as disulfide-linked homodimers or as monomers. The genes encoding these two molecules are closely linked on human chromosome 2. CTLA-4 was originally identified as a gene that was specifically expressed by cytotoxic T lymphocytes. However, CTLA-4 transcripts have since been found in both Th1 and Th2, and CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell clones. Whereas, CD28 expression is constitutive on the surfaces of 95% of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells and 50% of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells and is down regulated upon T cell activation, CTLA-4 expression is upregulated rapidly following T cell activation and peaks approximately 24 hours following activation. Although both CTLA-4 and CD28 can bind to the same ligands, CTLA-4 binds to B7-1 and B7-2 with 20-100-fold higher affinity than CD28. The physiological role of CTLA-4 in T cell costimulation is currently being studied. Recombinant human or mouse CTLA-4/Fc chimera preparations produced at R&D Systems have been shown to bind both B7-1 and B7-2 with high affinity and to inhibit CD28 signalling competitively.

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