

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Mouse
Specificity	Detects mouse IL-21 in Western blots. Does not cross-react with recombinant human IL-21, recombinant mouse (rm) IL-15, or rmlIL-12.
Source	Monoclonal Rat IgG _{2B} Clone # 149204
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	<i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant mouse IL-21 Pro25-Ser146 Accession # Q9ES17
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 350 Excitation Wavelength: 346 nm Emission Wavelength: 442 nm
Formulation	Supplied 0.2 mg/mL in a saline solution containing BSA and Sodium Azide. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *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.

	Recommended Concentration	Sample
Intracellular Staining by Flow Cytometry	0.25-1 µg/10 ⁶ cells	Mouse splenocytes treated with PMA and Ca ²⁺ ionomycin, fixed with paraformaldehyde, and permeabilized with saponin

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

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

BACKGROUND

Interleukin-21 (IL-21) and its receptor appear to play important roles in the regulation of the immune system. IL-21 is most related to IL-2, IL-4, and IL-15. IL-21 R, also called NILR (novel interleukin receptor), is a type I cytokine receptor with 4 conserved cysteine residues and an extracellular WSXWS motif. It is most closely related to IL-2 Rβ and IL-4 Rα. Mouse IL-21 is a 146 amino acid (aa) residue protein with a 24 aa signal peptide. Mouse and human IL-21 share 57% aa identity. IL-21 is expressed by activated T cells. Although not fully elucidated, the IL-2 Rγ (γ_c) chain appears to play a role in IL-21 R signaling. The IL-21/IL-21 R interaction appear to play important roles in B and T cell proliferation after antigen stimulation and NK cell maturation.

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