

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Mouse
Specificity	Detects mouse IL-6 R α in direct ELISAs. In direct ELISAs, no cross-reactivity with recombinant human IL-6 R α is observed.
Source	Monoclonal Rat IgG _{2A} Clone # 255821
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant mouse IL-6 R α Leu20-Glu357 Accession # P22272
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 μ m filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *Small pack size (-SP) is supplied as a 0.2 μ m filtered solution in PBS.

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
Flow Cytometry	2.5 μ g/10 ⁶ cells	Mouse CD3 ⁺ splenocytes
Immunocytochemistry	8-25 μ g/mL	Immersion fixed mouse splenocytes

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Reconstitution	Reconstitute at 0.5 mg/mL in sterile PBS.
Shipping	The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below. *Small pack size (-SP) is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at -20 to -70 °C
Stability & Storage	Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied. ● 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution. ● 6 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

BACKGROUND

Interleukin 6 (IL-6) is a multifunctional cytokine that exerts its activities by binding to a high-affinity receptor complex consisting of two membrane glycoproteins: an 80 kDa ligand binding subunit (IL-6 R α /CD126) and a 130 kDa nonligand-binding signal-transducing subunit (gp130/CD130) (1-4). Mature mouse IL-6 R α is a type I transmembrane protein of 460 amino acids (aa) that contains a 345 aa extracellular ligand binding domain, a 21 aa transmembrane region, and a 75 aa cytoplasmic segment (2). The extracellular segment contains an Ig-like and a fibronectin-type III domain, plus a membrane proximal WSxWS motif. In their extracellular regions, mouse IL-6 R α shares 89%, 51% and 50% aa identity with rat, human and porcine IL-6 R α , respectively. Unlike gp130 that is expressed ubiquitously, the cellular distribution of IL-6 R α is predominantly limited to hepatocytes and leukocyte subpopulations such as monocytes, neutrophils, T and B cells. Soluble IL-6R α has been found in various body fluids (5). Two soluble receptor isoforms that arise either from proteolytic cleavage of the membrane-bound IL-6 R α , or by alternative mRNA splicing (reported only in human) have been described (6, 7). Soluble IL-6 R α binds IL-6 with an affinity similar to that of the membrane-bound IL-6 R α . More importantly, the soluble IL-6 R α /IL-6 complex is capable of interacting with the membrane-bound gp130 to activate cells that lack an integral membrane IL-6 R α . It has been documented that elevated soluble IL-6 R is associated with numerous diseases including arthritic lesions, multiple myeloma and Crohn's disease (6, 7).

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