

## Product Information

**Anti-Interleukin-2 Soluble Receptor  $\alpha$**   
produced in goat, affinity isolated antibody

Catalog Number **I6152**

### Product Description

Anti-Interleukin-2 Soluble Receptor  $\alpha$  (IL-2 sR $\alpha$ ) is produced in goat using as immunogen a recombinant human IL-2 sR $\alpha$ , expressed in Sf21 cells. The antibody is purified using IL-2 R $\alpha$  affinity chromatography.

Anti-Interleukin-2 Soluble Receptor  $\alpha$  recognizes human IL-2 R $\alpha$  by immunoblotting, flow cytometry, and neutralization. The antibody will neutralize the biological activity mediated by IL-2 sR $\alpha$ . By immunoblotting, the antibody shows <15% cross reactivity with recombinant human IL-2 sR $\gamma$ , < 5% cross-reactivity with IL-6 sR, and < 1% cross-reactivity with human recombinant IL-1 sRII and IL-2 sR $\beta$ .

The biological effects of IL-2R signals are much more complex than simply mediating T-cell growth. Depending on the set of conditions, IL-2R signals may also promote cell survival, effector function, and apoptosis. These sometimes contradictory effects underscore the fact that a diversity of intracellular signaling pathways are potentially activated by IL-2R. There are at least 3 components of the IL-2 receptor, IL-2 R $\alpha$ , IL-2  $\beta$ R, and IL-2 R $\gamma$  chains. The IL-2 R $\gamma$  chain is shared by IL-2, IL-4 and IL-7.<sup>1,2</sup> The low affinity  $\alpha$  chain is a 55 kDa polypeptide. It is incapable of transmitting intracellular signals due to its short cytoplasmic tail. However, it can bind IL-2 rapidly to the cell membrane. The  $\beta$  chain (75 kDa) and  $\gamma$  chain (64 kDa) form a complex that can bind IL-2 with high affinity and slow dissociation and can mediate signal transduction.<sup>3</sup>

Alternative names for IL-2R $\alpha$  include CD25, p55 and Tac antigen (for activated T-cell).<sup>4</sup> Cells known to express  $\alpha$  chains include activated and resting CD4+ and CD8+ T cells,<sup>5-7</sup> resting and activated B cells,<sup>8</sup> immature thymocytes,<sup>9</sup> endothelium,<sup>10</sup> embryonic fibroblasts,<sup>11</sup> glioblastoma (oligodendroglial) cells,<sup>12</sup> activated monocytes,<sup>13</sup> Kupffer cells, macrophages and Langerhans cells,<sup>14,15</sup> and various tumor cells.<sup>16</sup>

### Reagent

Supplied lyophilized from a 0.2  $\mu$ m filtered solution in phosphate buffered saline, pH 7.4, with 5% trehalose.

### Precautions and Disclaimer

This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

### Preparation Instructions

Reconstitute in 0.2  $\mu$ m-filtered phosphate buffered saline to produce a 0.2 mg/mL stock solution of antibody. If aseptic technique is used, no further filtration should be needed for use in cell culture environments.

### Storage/Stability

Prior to reconstitution, store at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Reconstituted product may be stored at 2-8  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for up to one month. For prolonged storage, freeze in working aliquots at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Avoid repeated freezing and thawing.

### Product Profile

**Neutralization:** Anti-IL-2 sR $\alpha$  is tested for its ability to neutralize human cell surface IL-2 R $\alpha$  mediated IL-2 bioactivity in a <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine incorporation assay using human N-1186 cells. The antibody will inhibit the IL-2-dependent proliferation of human N-1186 cells in the presence of

1 ng/mL of recombinant human Interleukin-2. The ND<sub>50</sub> of the antibody is defined as the concentration of antibody resulting in a one-half maximal inhibition of the cell surface IL-2 R $\alpha$  mediated recombinant human IL-2 response on a responsive cell line.

**Immunoblotting:** a working concentration of 0.1-0.2  $\mu$ g/mL is recommended using recombinant human IL-2 R $\alpha$ .

Flow Cytometry: a working concentration of 2-3  $\mu\text{g}/10^6$  cells is recommended using human whole blood lymphocytes.

**Note:** In order to obtain the best results in various techniques and preparations, we recommend determining optimal working dilutions by titration.

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