

#### DESCRIPTION

**Source** Mouse myeloma cell line, NS0-derived mouse pIgR protein  
Lys19-Lys645, with a C-terminal 6-His tag  
Accession # O70570

**N-terminal Sequence Analysis** Lys19

**Predicted Molecular Mass** 70.1 kDa

#### SPECIFICATIONS

**SDS-PAGE** 93-97 kDa, reducing conditions

**Activity** Measured by its binding ability in a functional ELISA.  
When Recombinant Mouse pIgR is coated at 2 µg/mL (100 µL/well), the concentration of mouse IgM that produces 50% of the optimal binding response is 20-100 ng/mL.

**Endotoxin Level** <0.01 EU per 1 µg of the protein by the LAL method.

**Purity** >95%, by SDS-PAGE visualized with Silver Staining and quantitative densitometry by Coomassie® Blue Staining.

**Formulation** Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

#### PREPARATION AND STORAGE

**Reconstitution** Reconstitute at 100 µg/mL in sterile PBS.

**Shipping** The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.

**Stability & Storage** Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

- 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.
- 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.
- 3 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

#### BACKGROUND

The mouse polymeric immunoglobulin receptor (pIgR; also known as membrane secretory component) is a 115 kDa type I transmembrane glycoprotein that is synthesized as a 771 amino acid (aa) precursor. It includes an 18 aa signal sequence, a 627 aa extracellular domain (ECD) (aa 19-645), a 23 aa transmembrane segment (aa 646-668), and a 143 aa cytoplasmic region (aa 669-771) (1-3). The ECD consists of five V-type Ig-like domains and a sixth non-Ig domain that connects to the transmembrane region. The ECD of mouse pIgR is 65%, 69%, 85%, 62% and 62% aa identical to the equivalent region in human, porcine, rat, bovine and canine, respectively. pIgR is expressed on secretory epithelial cells and serves as a carrier that transports IgA and IgM across epithelium (1, 2, 4). On the basolateral surface of epithelial cells, the receptor initially binds non-covalently to IgA via domains #1 and #5 of the pIgR. A rearrangement then occurs where a disulfide bond forms between domain #5 of the pIgR and an IgA heavy chain (2). This complex is then internalized and transcytosed to the apical surface. A soluble covalent complex called secretory IgA (SIgA) is generated by proteolytic cleavage of the complex in the sixth extracellular domain of pIgR and released into the lumen (5). This proteolytically generated pIgR fragment is referred to as secretory component (SC). Notably, in human, pIgR transcytoses constitutively, with or without ligand, creating both a bound and free, 78 kDa SC following cleavage (3). In mouse, this event would be expected to generate a 95 kDa fragment (1). The receptor component of the complex anchors the SIgA molecule to mucous (6), where it serves to protect mucous membranes that form a barrier between the interior of the body and the external environment (7).

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