

**DESCRIPTION**

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b> | Human  |
| <b>Specificity</b>        | Detects human IL-3 in direct ELISAs and Western blots.                               |
| <b>Source</b>             | Polyclonal Goat IgG  |
| <b>Purification</b>       | Antigen Affinity-purified  |
| <b>Immunogen</b>          | <i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant human IL-3<br>Ala20-Phe152<br>Accession # Q6GS87 |
| <b>Conjugate</b>          | Alexa Fluor 405<br>Excitation Wavelength: 405 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 421 nm      |
| <b>Formulation</b>        | Supplied 0.2mg/ml in 1X PBS with RDF1 and 0.09% Sodium Azide                         |

\*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.

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| <b>Neutralization</b>      | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |
| <b>Western Blot</b>        | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |
| <b>Immunocytochemistry</b> | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |

**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> | Protect from light. Do not freeze. 12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied                          |

**BACKGROUND**

Interleukin 3 is a pleiotropic factor produced primarily by activated T cells that can stimulate the proliferation and differentiation of pluripotent hematopoietic stem cells as well as various lineage committed progenitors. In addition, IL-3 also affects the functional activity of mature mast cells, basophils, eosinophils and macrophages. Because of its multiple functions and targets, it was originally studied under different names, including mast cell growth factor, P-cell stimulating factor, burst promoting activity, multi-colony stimulating factor, thy-1 inducing factor and WEHI-3 growth factor. In addition to activated T cells, other cell types such as human thymic epithelial cells, activated murine mast cells, murine keratinocytes and neurons/astrocytes can also produce IL-3. At the amino acid sequence level, mature human and murine IL-3 share only 29% sequence identity. Consistent with this lack of homology, IL-3 activity is highly species-specific and human IL-3 does not show activity on murine cells.

IL-3 exerts its biological activities through binding to specific cell surface receptors. The high affinity receptor responsible for IL-3 signaling is composed of at least two subunits, an IL-3 specific  $\alpha$  chain which binds IL-3 with low affinity and a common  $\beta$  chain that is shared by the IL-5 and GM-CSF high-affinity receptors. Although the  $\beta$  chain itself does not bind IL-3, it confers high-affinity IL-3 binding in the presence of the  $\alpha$  chain. Receptors for IL-3 are present on bone marrow progenitors, macrophages, mast cells, eosinophils, megakaryocytes, basophils and various myeloid leukemic cells.

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