

## DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b> | Cotton Rat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Specificity</b>        | Detects cotton rat IL-1 $\beta$ /IL-1F2 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, approximately 50% cross-reactivity with recombinant human IL-1 $\beta$ and recombinant mouse IL-1 $\beta$ is observed, and 10% cross-reactivity with recombinant human IL-1 $\beta$ . |
| <b>Source</b>             | Polyclonal Goat IgG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Purification</b>       | Antigen Affinity-purified                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Immunogen</b>          | <i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant cotton rat IL-1 $\beta$                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Conjugate</b>          | Alexa Fluor 700<br>Excitation Wavelength: 675-700 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 723 nm                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Formulation</b>        | Supplied 0.2mg/ml in 1X PBS with RDF1 and 0.09% Sodium Azide<br><br>*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. |

## 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

IL-1 is a name that designates two pleiotropic cytokines, IL-1 $\alpha$  (IL-1F1) and IL-1 $\beta$  (IL-1F2), which are the products of distinct genes. IL-1 $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$  are structurally related polypeptides that share approximately 27% amino acid (aa) identity in cotton rat. Both proteins are produced by a wide variety of cells in response to inflammatory agents, infections, or microbial endotoxins. While IL-1 $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$  are regulated independently, they bind to the same receptor and exert identical biological effects. IL-1 RI binds directly to IL-1 $\alpha$  or IL-1 $\beta$  and then associates with IL-1 R accessory protein (IL-1 R3/IL-1 R AcP) to form a high-affinity receptor complex that is competent for signal transduction. IL-1 RII has high affinity for IL-1 $\beta$  but functions as a decoy receptor and negative regulator of IL-1 $\beta$  activity. IL-1ra functions as a competitive antagonist by preventing IL-1 $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$  from interacting with IL-1 RI (1-4). The cotton rat IL-1 $\beta$  cDNA encodes a 267 aa precursor. A 115 aa propeptide is cleaved intracellularly by the cysteine protease IL-1 $\beta$ -converting enzyme (Caspase-1/ICE) to generate the active cytokine (5, 6). The 17 kDa mature cotton rat IL-1 $\beta$  shares 90% aa sequence identity with mouse and rat and 65%-78% with canine, equine, feline, human, porcine, and rhesus IL-1 $\beta$ .

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