

DESCRIPTION

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| Species Reactivity | Equine |
| Specificity | Detects equine IL-1ra in ELISAs and Western blots. In sandwich ELISAs, approximately 20% cross-reactivity is observed with rIL-1ra, less than 5% cross-reactivity with rIL-1ra, less than 2% cross-reactivity with rpIL-1ra, and less than 0.4% cross-reactivity with rhIL-1ra is observed. |
| Source | Polyclonal Goat IgG |
| Purification | Antigen Affinity-purified |
| Immunogen | Recombinant Equine IL-1ra/IL-1F3 His26-Gln177 Accession # O18999.1 |
| Formulation | Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS with BSA as a carrier protein. See Certificate of Analysis for details. |

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 |
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| Western Blot | 0.1 µg/mL | Recombinant Equine IL-1ra/IL-1F3 (Catalog # 2466-RA) |
| Equine IL-1ra/IL-1F3 Sandwich Immunoassay | | Reagent |
| ELISA Capture | 0.2-0.8 µg/mL | Equine IL-1ra/IL-1F3 Antibody (Catalog # AF2466) |
| ELISA Detection | 0.1-0.4 µg/mL | Equine IL-1ra/IL-1F3 Biotinylated Antibody (Catalog # BAF2466) |
| Standard | | Recombinant Equine IL-1ra/IL-1F3 (Catalog # 2466-RA) |

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

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| Reconstitution | Reconstitute at 0.2 mg/mL in sterile PBS. |
| Shipping | The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below. |
| Stability & Storage | <p>Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.</p> <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

Secreted equine IL-1 receptor antagonist (IL-1ra) is a presumably 22 - 25 kDa glycoprotein produced by variety of cell types that antagonizes IL-1 activity (1 - 3). It is a member of the IL-1 family of proteins that includes IL-1α and IL-1β. Although there is little amino acid (aa) identity (< 30%) among the three IL-1 family members, all molecules bind to the same receptors, all show a β-trefoil structure, and all are believed to have evolved from a common ancestral gene (1 - 4). Equine IL-1ra is synthesized as a 177 aa precursor that contains a 25 aa signal sequence plus a 152 aa mature region. There is one intrachain disulfide bond and one potential N-linked glycosylation site (3, 5, 6). Mature equine sIL-1ra is 78%, 78%, 80%, 82%, and 76% aa identical to mature mouse, human, porcine, canine and bovine IL-1ra, respectively. In human, three non-secreted IL-1ra isoforms have also been identified. It is unknown if such an analogous situation exists in equine. Cells known to secrete IL-1ra include fibroblasts, vascular smooth muscle cells, intestinal columnar epithelium, chondrocytes, macrophages, mast cells, neutrophils and hepatocytes.

There are two type I transmembrane glycoprotein receptors for IL-1ra. The first is the bioactive 80 kDa type I IL-1 receptor (IL-1 RI), and the second is the inert (decoy) 65 kDa type II IL-1 receptor. IL-1ra binding to IL-1 RI competitively blocks IL-1 (α or β) binding to the same receptor. This results in receptor ligation without activation (1, 7). The type II IL-1 receptor is inert, and any binding of IL-1ra not only fails to block co-existing IL-1 activity, but may actually potentiate it by removing an IL-1 antagonist. Functionally, all activities attributed to IL-1ra are explained by its role as a competitive inhibitor of IL-1 binding to IL-1 RI (1, 2, 8, 9).

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