

## DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b> | Cotton Rat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Specificity</b>        | Detects cotton rat TNF- $\alpha$ in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, approximately 10% cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) TNF- $\alpha$ is observed and no cross-reactivity with rhAPRIL, rhBAFF, rhEDA-A2, recombinant mo                      |
| <b>Source</b>             | Monoclonal Mouse IgG <sub>1</sub> Clone # 159813                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Purification</b>       | Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Immunogen</b>          | <i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant cotton rat TNF- $\alpha$<br>Leu1-Leu156<br>Accession # AAL18818                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Conjugate</b>          | Alexa Fluor 350<br>Excitation Wavelength: 346 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 442 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

Tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ ) also known as cachectin and TNFSF2, is the prototypic ligand of the TNF superfamily. It is a pleiotropic molecule that plays a central role in inflammation, apoptosis, and immune system development. TNF- $\alpha$  is produced by a wide variety of immune and epithelial cell types (1, 2). The 156 amino acid (aa) cotton rat TNF- $\alpha$  is homologous to a portion of the extracellular domain (ECD) of TNF- $\alpha$  from other species (3). It shares 64%-76% aa sequence identity with bovine, canine, equine, feline, human, mouse, porcine, rat, and rhesus TNF- $\alpha$ . The 26 kDa type 2 transmembrane protein is assembled intracellularly to form a noncovalently linked homotrimer (4). Ligation of this complex induces reverse signaling that promotes lymphocyte co-stimulation but diminishes monocyte responsiveness (5). Cleavage of membrane bound TNF- $\alpha$  by TACE/ADAM17 releases a 55 kDa soluble trimeric form of TNF- $\alpha$  (6, 7). TNF- $\alpha$  trimers bind the ubiquitous TNF RI and the hematopoietic cell-restricted TNF RII, both of which are also expressed as homotrimers (1, 8). TNF- $\alpha$  regulates lymphoid tissue development through control of apoptosis (2). It also promotes inflammatory responses by inducing the activation of vascular endothelial cells and macrophages (2). TNF- $\alpha$  is a key cytokine in the development of several inflammatory disorders (9). It contributes to the development of type 2 diabetes through its effects on insulin resistance and fatty acid metabolism (10, 11).

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