

DESCRIPTION

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| Species Reactivity | Human |
| Specificity | Detects human BAFF/BLyS/TNFSF13B in direct ELISAs. |
| Source | Monoclonal Mouse IgG ₁ Clone # 137317 |
| Purification | Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant |
| Immunogen | <i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant human BAFF/BLyS/TNFSF13B Ala81-Leu285 Accession # Q9Y275 |
| Conjugate | Alexa Fluor 700 Excitation Wavelength: 675-700 nm Emission Wavelength: 723 nm |
| Formulation | Supplied 0.2mg/ml in 1X PBS with RGD1 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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| Immunohistochemistry | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |
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PREPARATION AND STORAGE

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| Shipping | The product is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below. |
| Stability & Storage | Protect from light. Do not freeze. 12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied |

BACKGROUND

BAFF (also known as TALL-1, BLyS, and THANK) is a type II transmembrane glycoprotein belonging to the TNF superfamily and has been designated as TNF superfamily member 13B (TNFSF13B). Human BAFF is a 285 amino acid (aa) protein consisting of a 218 aa extracellular domain, a 21 aa transmembrane region and a 46 aa cytoplasmic tail (1, 2). BAFF has the typical structural characteristics of the TNF superfamily ligands. It is a homotrimeric protein having the structurally conserved motif known as TNF homology domain (3, 4). A higher ordered structure composed of a cluster of trimeric units resembling the structure of a viral capsid has also been reported (4). Human BAFF may be shed from the cell surface by proteolytic cleavage between R133 and Ala134 to yield a soluble form of the protein that is detectable in serum (1, 5). Within the TNF superfamily BAFF shares the highest homology (48%) with APRIL (1). BAFF shares with APRIL the ability to bind to BCMA and TACI and also binds specifically to BAFF receptor (BAFF R, also known as BR3 or TNFSFR13C), which is the principal BAFF receptor (6 - 8). All three receptors are type III transmembrane proteins that are expressed in B cells. BAFF and APRIL can form active heteromers that bind to TACI (9). BAFF is expressed in peripheral blood mononuclear cells, in spleen and lymph nodes. Its expression in resting monocytes is up-regulated by IFN- α , IFN- β , LPS and IL-10. BAFF provides critical survival signals to a subset of B cells with intermediate maturation status (T2 B cells) during the immune response (10). BAFF also plays an important role in the development of lymphoid tissue and enhances the survival of activated memory B cells (7, 11). Human and mouse BAFF share 86% aa sequence identity (1).

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