

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Mouse
Specificity	Detects mouse Lipocalin-2/NGAL in ELISAs. In sandwich immunoassays, no cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) Lipocalin-1, rhLipocalin-2 or recombinant rat Lipocalin-2 is observed.
Source	Monoclonal Rat IgG _{2A} Clone # 228421
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	NS0-derived recombinant mouse Lipocalin-2/NGAL Gln21-Asn200 Accession # P11672
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 488 Excitation Wavelength: 488 nm Emission Wavelength: 515-545 nm
Formulation	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.

ELISA Capture (Matched Antibody Pair)	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.
ELISA Detection (Matched Antibody Pair)	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

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

Mouse Lipocalin-2 was cloned from mouse kidney cells (1). Its very high level of expression at the post-stratum uterus gave it the name uterocalin (2). Lipocalin-2 has been implicated in a variety of processes including cell differentiation, tumorigenesis, and apoptosis (3-5). Studies indicate that Lipocalin-2 binds a bacterial catecholate siderophore that is bound to a ferric ion, such as enterobactin, with a subnanomolar dissociation constant ($K_D = 0.41$ nM) (6). The bound ferric enterobactin complex breaks down slowly in a month into dihydroxybenzoyl serine and dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHBA). It also binds to a ferric DHBA complex with much less K_D values (7.9 nM) (6). Secretion of Lipocalin-2 in immune cells increases in response to stimulation of Toll-like receptor as an acute phase response to infection. As a result, it acts as a potent bacteriostatic reagent by sequestering iron (7). Moreover, Lipocalin-2 can alter the invasive and metastatic behavior of Ras-transformed breast cancer cells *in vitro* and *in vivo* by reversing the epithelial to mesenchymal transition inducing activity of Ras, through restoration of E-cadherin expression, via effects on the Ras-MAPK signaling pathway (8).

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