

## DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b> | Rat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Specificity</b>        | Detects rat Fas Ligand/TNFSF6 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In Western blots, no cross-reactivity with recombinant mouse (rm) 4-1BB Ligand, recombinant human (rh) APRIL, rmBAFF, rhEDA-A2, rmEDA, rhFas Ligand, rmFas Ligand, rhGITR L                               |
| <b>Source</b>             | Monoclonal Mouse IgG <sub>2B</sub> Clone # 252029                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Purification</b>       | Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Immunogen</b>          | Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant rat Fas Ligand/TNFSF6<br>Leu104-Leu278<br>Accession # P36940                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Conjugate</b>          | Alexa Fluor 750<br>Excitation Wavelength: 749 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 775 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>Western Blot</b>        | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |
| <b>Immunocytochemistry</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

Fas Ligand (FasL), also known as CD178, CD95L, or TNFSF6, is a 40 kDa type II transmembrane member of the TNF superfamily of proteins. Its ability to induce apoptosis in target cells plays an important role in the development, homeostasis, and function of the immune system (1). Mature rat Fas Ligand consists of a 179 amino acid (aa) extracellular domain (ECD), a 22 aa transmembrane segment, and a 79 aa cytoplasmic domain. Within the ECD, rat Fas Ligand shares 78% and 93% aa sequence identity with human and mouse Fas Ligand, respectively. Fas Ligand is expressed as a nondisulfide-linked homotrimer on the surface of activated CD4<sup>+</sup> Th1 cells, CD8<sup>+</sup> cytotoxic T cells, and NK cells (1). Fas Ligand binding to Fas/CD95 on an adjacent cell triggers apoptosis in the Fas-expressing cell (2, 4). Fas Ligand also binds DcR3 which is a soluble decoy receptor that interferes with Fas Ligand-induced apoptosis (5). Fas Ligand can be released from the cell surface by metalloproteinases as a 26 kDa soluble molecule which remains trimeric (6, 7). Shed Fas Ligand retains the ability to bind Fas, although its ability to trigger apoptosis is dramatically reduced (6, 7). In the absence of TGF-β, however, Fas Ligand/Fas interactions instead promote neutrophil-mediated inflammatory responses (3, 8). Fas Ligand itself transmits reverse signals that costimulate the proliferation of freshly antigen-stimulated T cells (9). Fas Ligand-induced apoptosis plays a central role in the development of immune tolerance and the maintenance of immune privileged sites (10). This function is exploited by tumor cells which evade immune surveillance by upregulating Fas Ligand to kill tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (8, 11). In gld mice, a Fas Ligand point mutation is the cause of severe lymphoproliferation and systemic autoimmunity (12, 13).

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