

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Mouse
Specificity	Detects mouse GITR Ligand/TNFSF18 in direct ELISAs.
Source	Monoclonal Rat IgG ₁ Clone # 994529
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant mouse GITR Ligand/TNFSF18 Thr47-Ser173 Accession # Q7TS55
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 750 Excitation Wavelength: 749 nm Emission Wavelength: 775 nm
Formulation	Supplied 0.2 mg/mL in a saline solution containing BSA and 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.

	Recommended Concentration	Sample
Flow Cytometry	0.25-1 µg/mL	NS0 Cell Line Transfected with Mouse GITR Ligand/TNFSF18

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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied.

BACKGROUND

Glucocorticoid-induced TNF receptor superfamily-related protein ligand (GITRL) is a member of the TNF superfamily (TNFSF) and has been designated TNFSF18. Mouse GITRL cDNA encodes a 173 amino acid (aa) type II membrane protein with a C-terminal extracellular domain of 131 aa, an N-terminal cytoplasmic domain of 23 aa and a transmembrane domain of 19 aa. It shares approximately 60% aa sequence identity with human GITRL (2). Mouse GITRL is expressed at high levels in macrophages, dendritic cells and B cells. The expression is transiently upregulated by LPS stimulation. GITRL binds to the type I transmembrane protein GITR/TNFRSF18, which is a member of the TNF receptor superfamily that is predominantly expressed on CD25⁺ regulatory CD4⁺ T cells (Treg). GITR is also expressed on naïve CD4⁺ CD25⁻ T cells, where its expression is upregulated after antigen-driven activation (1, 2). Ligation of GITR has been found to induce nuclear factor (NF)-κB activation via TNF receptor-associated factor 2. GITRL provides costimulatory signals for activated CD4⁺ CD25⁺ T cells to enhance cell proliferation and augment cytokine production. On CD4⁺ CD25⁺ Treg cells, GITRL also provides costimulatory signals to induce proliferation, setting Treg cells in an active/hyperproliferative state that reverses the suppressive function of Treg cells. GITRL-GITR ligation provides important costimulatory signals that play important roles in modulating diverse T cell functions (1-4).

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