

#### DESCRIPTION

<b>Species Reactivity</b>	Human
<b>Specificity</b>	Detects human IL-6 R $\alpha$ in ELISAs and Western blots. In ELISAs, no cross-reactivity or interference was observed with recombinant human (rh) IL-1 $\alpha$ , recombinant mouse (rm) IL-1 $\alpha$ , rhIL-1 $\beta$ , rmIL-1 $\beta$ , rhIL-1ra, rhIL-2, rhIL-3, rmIL-3, rhIL-4, rmIL-4, rhIL-5, rmIL-5, rhIL-6, rmIL-6, rhIL-7, rmIL-7, rhIL-8, rhIL-9, rmIL-9, rhIL-10, or rhIL-11.
<b>Source</b>	Recombinant Monoclonal Mouse IgG <sub>1</sub> Clone # 17506R
<b>Purification</b>	Protein A or G purified from cell culture supernatant
<b>Immunogen</b>	<i>S. frugiperda</i> insect ovarian cell line Sf 21-derived recombinant human IL-6 R $\alpha$ Leu20-Asp339 Accession # P08887
<b>Conjugate</b>	Alexa Fluor 405 Excitation Wavelength: 405 nm Emission Wavelength: 421 nm
<b>Formulation</b>	Supplied 0.2 mg/mL in a saline solution containing BSA and Sodium Azide. See Certificate of Analysis for details.  *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
<b>Flow Cytometry</b>	0.25-1 $\mu$ g/10 <sup>6</sup> cells	U937 Human Cell Line

#### PREPARATION AND STORAGE

<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>	<b>Protect from light. Do not freeze.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied.</li> </ul>

#### BACKGROUND

The multi-functional factor interleukin 6 (IL-6) exerts its activities through binding to a high-affinity receptor complex consisting of two membrane glycoproteins: an 80 kDa component receptor that binds IL-6 with low affinity (IL-6 R $\alpha$ ) and a signal-transducing component of 130 kDa (gp130) that does not bind IL-6 by itself, but is required for high-affinity binding of IL-6 by the complex. Both components of the receptor complex, IL-6 R $\alpha$  and gp130 have been cloned, sequenced, and expressed (1-4).

A soluble form of the IL-6 R $\alpha$  has been found in the urine of healthy adult humans (5). This soluble receptor apparently arises from proteolytic cleavage of membrane-bound IL-6 R $\alpha$  and is about 50kDa in size. No naturally-occurring mRNA encoding a truncated form of the IL-6 R $\alpha$  has been reported. Soluble forms of human and murine IL-6 Ras have been constructed, however, by insertion of termination codons into the regions of the IL-6 R $\alpha$  cDNAs encoding the external portions of the receptors and prior to the transmembrane domains. These soluble receptors have been expressed in COS-7 and CHO cells and have been shown to bind to IL-6 in solution and to augment the activity of IL-6 as a result of the binding of the IL-6/IL-6 R $\alpha$  complex to membrane-bound gp130 (6, 7).

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