

## DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b> | Feline                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Specificity</b>        | Detects feline IL-6 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs and Western blots, 25% cross-reactivity with recombinant canine IL-6 is observed and no cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) IL-6, recombinant mouse (rm) IL-6, recombinant por            |
| <b>Source</b>             | Monoclonal Mouse IgG <sub>2B</sub> Clone # 341041                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Purification</b>       | Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Immunogen</b>          | <i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant feline IL-6<br>Thr28-Met208 (Glu133Lys)<br>Accession # P41683                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Conjugate</b>          | Alexa Fluor 488<br>Excitation Wavelength: 488 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 515-545 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>Neutralization</b> | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |
| <b>Western Blot</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

Interleukin 6 (IL-6) is a pleiotropic  $\alpha$ -helical cytokine that plays important roles in acute phase reactions, inflammation, hematopoiesis, bone metabolism, and cancer progression. IL-6 activity is central to the transition from acute inflammation to either acquired immunity or chronic inflammatory disease. It is secreted by multiple cell types as a 22 kDa-28 kDa phosphorylated and variably glycosylated molecule (1-4). Mature feline IL-6 is 181 amino acids (aa) in length and shares 76%, 58%, 39%, and 41% aa sequence identity with canine, human, mouse, and rat IL-6, respectively (5). IL-6 induces signaling through a cell surface heterodimeric receptor complex composed of a ligand binding subunit (IL-6 R) and a signal transducing subunit (gp130). IL-6 binds to IL-6 R, triggering IL-6 R association with gp130 and gp130 dimerization (6). gp130 is also a component of the receptors for CLC, CNTF, CT-1, IL-11, IL-27, LIF, and OSM (7). Soluble forms of IL-6 R are generated by both alternate splicing and proteolytic cleavage (3). In a mechanism known as trans-signaling, complexes of soluble IL-6 and IL-6 R elicit responses from gp130-expressing cells that lack cell surface IL-6 R (3). Trans-signaling enables a wider range of cell types to respond to IL-6, as the expression of gp130 is ubiquitous while that of IL-6 R is predominantly restricted to hepatocytes, leukocytes, and lymphocytes (3). Soluble splice forms of gp130 block trans-signaling from IL-6/IL-6 R but not from other cytokines that utilize gp130 as a coreceptor (4, 8).

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