

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects human IL-12 in direct ELISA.
Source	Monoclonal Rat IgG ₁ Clone # 1070229
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	<i>Spodoptera frugiperda</i> , Sf 21 (baculovirus)-derived human IL-12
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose.

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
Intracellular Staining by Flow Cytometry	0.25 µg/10 ⁶ cells	See details below

DATA

Intracellular Staining by Flow Cytometry

Detection of IL-12 in PBMC monocytes +/- hIFN-gamma/LPS by Flow Cytometry
 PBMC monocytes treated with IFN-gamma (Catalog # 285-IF, 10 ng/mL for 2 hours), then LPS (100 ng/mL for 12 hours), and lastly monensin (3 µM for 3 hours) (A) vs naïve PBMC monocytes (B) were stained with Rat Anti-Human IL-12 Monoclonal Antibody (Catalog # MAB11485) followed by Allophycocyanin-conjugated Anti-Rat IgG Secondary Antibody (Catalog # F0113) and subsequently Mouse Anti-Human CD14 PE-conjugated Monoclonal Antibody (Catalog # FAB3832P). To facilitate intracellular staining, cells were fixed with Flow Cytometry Fixation Buffer (Catalog # FC004) and permeabilized with Flow Cytometry Permeabilization/Wash Buffer I (Catalog # FC005). View our protocol for [Staining Intracellular Molecules](#).

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Reconstitution	Reconstitute at 0.5 mg/mL in sterile PBS.
Shipping	The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.
Stability & Storage	<p>Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied. • 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution. • 6 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

BACKGROUND

Interleukin 12, also known as natural killer cell stimulatory factor (NKSF) or cytotoxic lymphocyte maturation factor (CLMF), is a pleiotropic cytokine originally identified in the medium of activated human B lymphoblastoid cell lines. The p40 subunit of IL-12 has been shown to have extensive amino acid sequence homology to the extracellular domain of the human IL-6 receptor while the p35 subunit shows distant but significant sequence similarity to IL-6, G-CSF, and chicken MGF. These observations have led to the suggestion that IL-12 might have evolved from a cytokine/soluble receptor complex. Human and murine IL-12 share 70% and 60% amino acid sequence homology in their p40 and p35 subunits, respectively. IL-12 apparently shows species specificity with human IL-12 reportedly showing minimal activity in the murine system.

IL-12 is produced by macrophages and B lymphocytes and has been shown to have multiple effects on T cells and natural killer (NK) cells. These effects include inducing production of IFN- γ and TNF by resting and activated T and NK cells, synergizing with other IFN- γ inducers at both the transcriptional and post-transcriptional levels. This interaction induces IFN- γ gene expression, enhancing the cytotoxic activity of resting NK and T cells, inducing and synergizing with IL-2 in the generation of lymphokine-activated killer (LAK) cells, acting as a co-mitogen to stimulate proliferation of resting T cells, and inducing proliferation of activated T and NK cells. Current evidence indicates that IL-12, produced by macrophages in response to infectious agents, is a central mediator of the cell-mediated immune response by its actions on the development, proliferation, and activities of TH1 cells. In its role as the initiator of cell-mediated immunity, it has been suggested that IL-12 has therapeutic potential as a stimulator of cell-mediated immune responses to microbial pathogens, metastatic cancers, and viral infections such as AIDS.