

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects human IL-18 BP _a in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs and Western blots, does not cross-react with recombinant mouse (rm) IL-18 BP _c or rmIL-18 BP _d .
Source	Monoclonal Mouse IgG ₁ Clone # 136033
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant human IL-18 BP _a
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *Small pack size (-SP) is supplied either lyophilized or as a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS.

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
Western Blot	1 µg/mL	Recombinant Human IL-18 BP _a Fc Chimera (Catalog # 119-BP)

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. *Small pack size (-SP) is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at -20 to -70 °C
Stability & Storage	Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. ● 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 18 binding protein (IL-18 BP) is a secreted glycoprotein, which functions as an IL-18 antagonist by binding to IL-18 and blocking its biological activity. IL-18 BP bears no amino acid sequence homology to the membrane-associated IL-18 and IL-1 receptor proteins. The gene for human IL-18 BP has been localized to chromosome 11q13. It encodes for at least four isoforms by alternative splicing. The IL-18 BP isoforms a and c each contain one immunoglobulin (Ig)-like C2-type domain while isoforms b and d lack a complete Ig domain. The complete Ig domain has been shown to be essential to the binding and neutralizing properties of the binding proteins. Two isoforms of mouse IL18 BP (c and d) containing the complete Ig domain have also been isolated and shown to neutralize IL-18 bioactivity. Human and mouse IL-18 BPs share approximately 61% amino acid sequence identity. Several poxviruses also encode proteins with sequence similarity to the human and mouse IL-18 BP. Viral IL-18 BPs have been shown to bind and inhibit IL-18 responses and may be involved in modulating host immune responses. The expression of IL-18 BP is markedly upregulated by IFN-γ, suggesting that IL-18 activity is modulated by a negative feedback mechanism mediated by IL-18 BP.

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