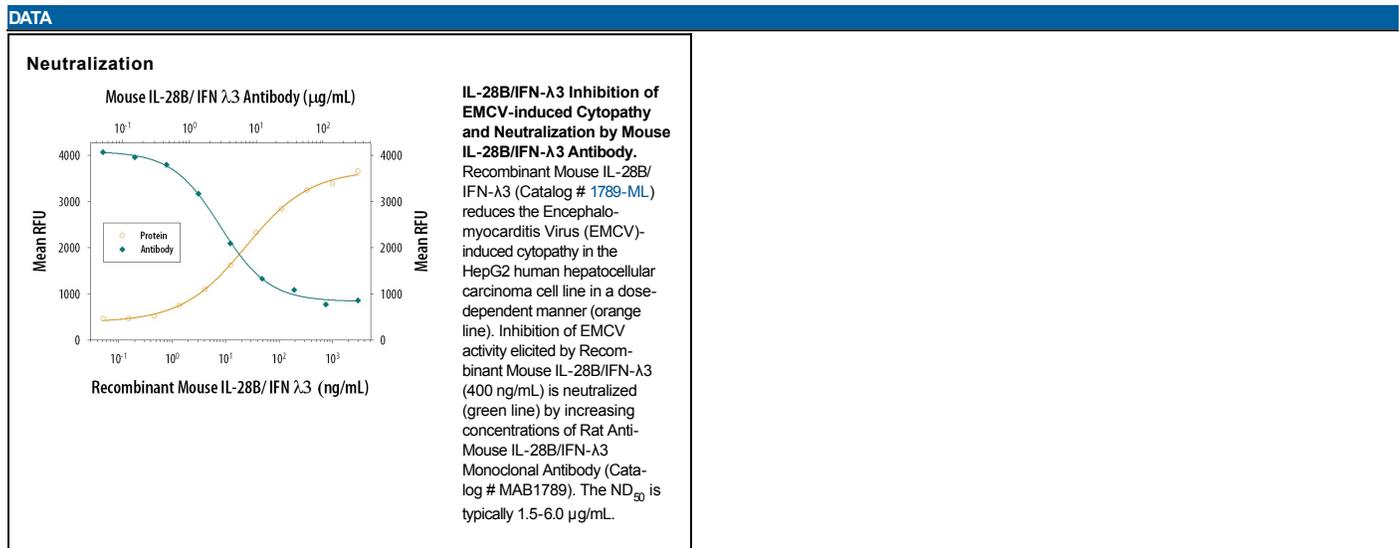


DESCRIPTION	
Species Reactivity	Mouse
Specificity	Detects mouse IL-28B/IFN-λ3 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In Western blots, approximately 25% cross-reactivity with recombinant mouse (rm) IL-28A/IFN-γ2 and no cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) IL-28A or rhIL-29 is observed. This antibody neutralizes 100% of the bioactivity of rmlL-28A/IFN-γ2.
Source	Monoclonal Rat IgG _{2B} Clone # 244710
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	<i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant mouse IL-28B/IFN-λ3 Asp20-Val193 Accession # Q8CGK6
Endotoxin Level	<0.10 EU per 1 μg of the antibody by the LAL method.
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 as a 0.2 μm filtered solution in PBS.

APPLICATIONS	
Please Note: Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application. <i>General Protocols</i> are available in the <i>Technical Information</i> section on our website.	
	Recommended Concentration Sample
Western Blot	1 μg/mL Recombinant Mouse IL-28B/IFN-λ3 (Catalog # 1789-ML)
Neutralization	Measured by its ability to neutralize IL-28B/IFN-λ3 inhibition of EMCV-induced cytopathy in the HepG2 human hepatocellular carcinoma cell line. Sheppard, P. <i>et al.</i> (2003) <i>Nat. Immunol.</i> 4:63. The Neutralization Dose (ND ₅₀) is typically 1.5-6.0 μg/mL in the presence of 400 ng/mL Recombinant Mouse IL-28B/IFN-λ3.



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. <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

Human IL-28A, IL-28B, and IL-29, also named interferon- λ 2 (IFN- λ 2), IFN- λ 3, and IFN- λ 1, respectively, are class II cytokine receptor ligands that are distantly related to members of the IL-10 family (11-13% amino acid (aa) sequence identity) and the type I IFN family (15-19% aa sequence identity) (1-3). The genes encoding these three cytokines are localized to chromosome 19 and each is composed of multiple exons. The exon organization of these genes is also found in the IL-10 family genes but is distinct from the type I IFNs, which are encoded within a single exon. The expression of IL-28A, B, and IL-29 is induced by virus infection or double-stranded RNA. All three cytokines exert bioactivities that overlap those of type I IFNs, including antiviral activity and up-regulation of MHC class I antigen expression. The three proteins signal through the same heterodimeric receptor complex that is composed of the IL-10 receptor β (IL-10 R β) and a novel IL-28 receptor α (IL-28 R α , also known as IFN- λ R1). Ligand binding to the receptor complex induces Jak kinase activation and STAT1 and STAT2 tyrosine phosphorylation. The phosphorylated STAT1 and STAT2 complex with IFN-regulatory factor 9 (IRF-9) to form the IFN-stimulated regulatory factor 3 (ISGF-3) transcription factor complex that is translocated to the nucleus. ISGF-3 binds to the IFN-stimulated response element (ISRE) present in the regulatory regions of the target genes. Mouse IL-28B cDNA encodes a 193 amino acid residue precursor protein with a putative 15 aa signal peptide. It shares 61%, 62% and 52% aa sequence identity with human IL-28A, human IL-28B and human IL-29, respectively.

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