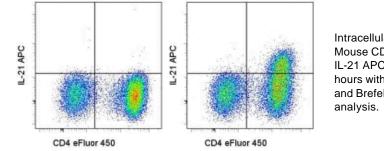


# Anti-Mouse IL-21 APC

Catalog Number: 17-7211 Also Known As:Interleukin-21

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Intracellular staining of Th17-polarized BALB/c splenocytes with Anti-Mouse CD4 eFluor® 450 (cat. 48-0042) and 0.125 ug of Anti-Mouse IL-21 APC. Cells were polarized for 9 days and then treated for 5 hours with Brefeldin A alone (cat. 00-4506) (left) or PMA/lonomycin and Brefeldin A (right). Cells in the lymphocyte gate were used for analysis.

### **Product Information**

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Contents: Anti-Mouse IL-21 APC REF Catalog Number: 17-7211	<b>Formulation:</b> aqueous buffer, 0.09% sodium azide, may contain carrier protein/stabilizer
Clone: FFA21 Concentration: 0.2 mg/mL Host/Isotype: Rat IgG2a, kappa	<ul> <li>Temperature Limitation: Store at 2-8°C. Do not freeze. Light sensitive material.</li> <li>Batch Code: Refer to Vial</li> <li>Use By: Refer to Vial</li> <li>Contains sodium azide</li> </ul>

# Description

This FFA21 monoclonal antibody reacts with mouse interleukin-21 (IL-21). IL-21 is a 17 kDa immunomodulatory cytokine produced mainly by NKT, T helper (Th) 17 and T follicular helper ( $T_{FH}$ ) cells. In  $T_{FH}$  cells, IL-21 expression leads to autocrine signaling through the IL-21 receptor (IL-21R) and STAT3, which leads to additional transcriptional activation by Bcl6. As with IFN gamma for Th1, IL-4 for Th2 and IL-17A for Th17, IL-21 is critical for TFH cell effector function. This cytokine plays a role in T cell-dependent B cell differentiation into plasma cells and memory cells, stimulation of IgG production and induction of apoptotic signaling in naïve B cells.

In Th17 cells, IL-21 expression and autocrine feedback through STAT3, IRF4 and ROR gamma t lead to upregulation of the IL-23R, thereby preparing Th17 cells for maturation and maintenance by the inflammatory cytokine IL-23. While upregulating IRF4 and ROR gamma t, IL-21 also mediates the downregulation of Foxp3. High levels of IL-21 are present in chemically-induced colitis models. IL-21-deficient mice are protected from developing colitis upon chemical treatment by their inability to upregulate Th17-associated molecules.

Preliminary data suggest that clone FFA21 recognizes a different epitope than anti-mouse IL-21 clone mhalx21 (cat. 51-7213).

#### **Applications Reported**

This FFA21 antibody has been reported for use in intracellular staining followed by flow cytometric analysis.

# **Applications Tested**

This FFA21 antibody has been tested by intracellular staining and flow cytometric analysis on Th17-polarized splenocytes restimulated with PMA, lonomycin and Brefeldin A for 5 hours. This can be used at less than or equal to 0.125  $\mu$ g per test. A test is defined as the amount ( $\mu$ g) of antibody that will stain a cell sample in a final volume of 100  $\mu$ L. Cell number should be determined empirically but can range from 10<sup>5</sup> to 10<sup>8</sup> cells/test. It is recommended that the antibody be carefully titrated for optimal performance in the assay of interest.

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