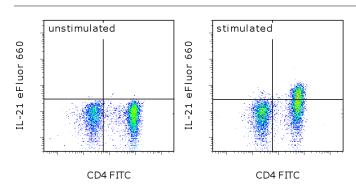


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# Anti-Mouse IL-21 eFluor® 660 (Alexa Fluor® 647 Replacement)

Catalog Number: 50-7211 Also known as: Interleulin-21

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Intracellular staining of 10-day Th17-polarized BALB/c splenocytes unstimulated (left) or stimulated for 5 hours with Cell Stimulation Cocktail (plus protein transport inhibitors) (cat. 00-4975) (right) with Anti-Mouse CD4 FITC (cat. 11-0042) and 0.125 ug of Rat IgG2a K Isotype Control eFluor® 660 (cat. 50-4321) or 0.125 ug of Anti-Mouse IL-21 eFluor® 660. Viable cells (as determined by Fixable Viability Dye eFluor® 450 [cat. 65-0863]) were used for analysis.

#### **Product Information**

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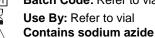
Catalog Number: 50-7211 Clone: FFA21

Concentration: 0.2 mg/mL Host/Isotype: Rat lgG2a, kappa



**Formulation:** aqueous buffer, 0.09% sodium azide, may contain carrier protein/stabilizer **Temperature Limitation:** Store at 2-8°C. Do not

freeze. Light sensitive material. **Batch Code:** Refer to vial





## 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<sub>FH</sub>) cells. In T<sub>FH</sub> 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 cytmetric analysis of Th17 stimulated mouse cells. This can be used at less than or equal to  $0.25~\mu g$  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  $10^5$  to  $10^8$  cells/test. It is recommended that the antibody be carefully titrated for optimal performance in the assay of interest.

eFluor® 660 is a replacement for Alexa Fluor® 647. eFluor® 660 emits at 659 nm and is excited with the red



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laser (633 nm). Please make sure that your instrument is capable of detecting this fluorochome.

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#### **Related Products**

00-4975 Cell Stimulation Cocktail (plus protein transport inhibitors) (500X)

11-0042 Anti-Mouse CD4 FITC (RM4-5)

12-7177 Anti-Mouse/Rat IL-17A PE (eBio17B7)

50-4321 Rat IgG2a K Isotype Control eFluor® 660 (Alexa Fluor® 647 Replacment) (eBR2a)

65-0863 Fixable Viability Dye eFluor® 450

88-8824 Intracellular Fixation & Permeabilization Buffer Set