

#### ORDERING INFORMATION

Catalog Number: AB-403-NA

Lot Number: BS03

Size: 1 mg

Formulation: 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS with 5% trehalose

Storage: -20° C

Reconstitution: sterile PBS

Specificity: mouse IL-3

Immunogen: E. coli-derived rmIL-3

Ig class: goat IgG

Applications: Neutralization of bioactivity Western blot Direct ELISA

#### **Preparation**

This antibody was produced in goats immunized with purified, *E.coli*-derived, recombinant mouse interleukin 3 (rmIL-3). Total IgG was purified by Protein G affinity chromatography.

Anti-mouse IL-3 Antibody

### Formulation

Lyophilized from a 0.2  $\mu m$  filtered solution in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) with 5% trehalose.

## **Endotoxin Level**

< 0.1 EU per 1  $\mu$ g of the antibody as determined by the LAL method.

## Reconstitution

Reconstitute with sterile PBS. If 1 mL of PBS is used, the antibody concentration will be 1 mg/mL.

### Storage

Lyophilized samples are stable for twelve months from date of receipt when stored at -20° C to -70° C. Upon reconstitution, the antibody can be stored at 2° - 8° C for 1 month without detectable loss of activity. Reconstituted antibody can also be aliquotted and stored frozen at -20° C to -70° C in a manual defrost freezer for six months without detectable loss of activity. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

## **Specificity**

This antibody has been selected for its ability to neutralize the biological activity of rmIL-3. It will not neutralize the biological activity of rhIL-3. In direct ELISA, this antibody shows less than 5% cross-reactivity with rrIL-3 and less than 1% cross-reactivity with rhIL-3.

## Neutralization of Mouse IL-3 Bioactivity

The exact concentration of antibody required to neutralize rmIL-3 activity is dependent on the biological effect studied, the cell type, and incubation conditions. To provide a guideline, R&D Systems has determined the neutralization dose within a specific cell type for each of its antibodies.

**Neutralization Dose**<sub>50</sub> (**ND**<sub>50</sub>) - that concentration of antibody required to yield one-half maximal inhibition of the cytokine, when that cytokine is present at five times its normal ED<sub>50</sub> (a concentration of five times the ED<sub>50</sub> will normally yield 100% activity; figure 1, see page two). The ND<sub>50</sub> can be used to calculate the amount of antibody needed in a particular application.

The ND<sub>50</sub> for this lot of anti-mouse IL-3 was determined to be approximately  $0.015 - 0.025 \ \mu g/mL$  in a neutralizing bioassay using the factor dependent murine cell line, NFS-60. Results of this assay are seen in figure 2 (see page two).

In these experiments, rmIL-3 was pre-incubated with increasing concentrations of antibody for 1 hour at 37° C in a 96 well microplate. Following this preincubation period, NFS-60 cells were added to give a final concentration of 5 x 10<sup>4</sup> cells/mL. The assay mixture, in a total volume of 200  $\mu$ L/well, containing rmIL-3 at a final concentration of 0.5 ng/mL and antibody at the concentrations indicated, was incubated for 24 hours at 37° C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> humidified incubator and pulsed with <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine for the final 4 hours. The contents of the wells were harvested onto glass fiber filters, and the <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine incorporated into DNA was determined.

# Additional Applications

**Western blot -** This antibody can be used at 1 - 2  $\mu$ g/mL with the appropriate secondary reagents to detect mouse IL-3. The detection limit for rmIL-3 is approximately 1 ng/lane under non-reducing and reducing conditions.

**Direct ELISA -** This antibody can be used at 0.5 - 1.0  $\mu$ g/mL with the appropriate secondary reagents to detect mouse IL-3. The detection limit for rmIL-3 is approximately 1 ng/well.

Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application.

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The biological activity of rmIL-3 was measured in a cell proliferation assay using the factor dependent cell line, NFS-60 (Holmes, K.L. *et al.*, 1985, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA **82**:6687). **Figure 1** shows that NFS-60 cell proliferation, as measured by <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine incorporation, is dependent on rmIL-3. The ED<sub>50</sub> for this effect is approximately 0.05 - 0.1 ng/mL of rmIL-3. Assuming a nominal ED<sub>50</sub> of 0.1 ng/mL, five times the ED<sub>50</sub> of rmIL-3 (0.5 ng/mL) was used to assess the neutralizing activity of this lot of antibody. As seen in **figure 2**, the ND<sub>50</sub> for this lot of antibody is approximately 0.015 - 0.025 µg/mL.