## **Technical Data Sheet**

# FITC Rat Anti-Mouse IL-2

## **Product Information**

Material Number:	562040		
Size:	25 µg		
Concentration:	0.5 mg/ml		
Clone:	JES6-5H4		
Immunogen:	Mouse IL-2 Recombinant Protein		
Isotype:	Rat IgG2b		
Reactivity:	QC Testing: Mouse		
Storage Buffer:	Aqueous buffered solution containing $\leq 0.09\%$ sodium azid		

## Description

The JES6-5H4 monoclonal antibody specifically binds to mouse interleukin-2 (IL-2). IL-2 is a multifunctional cytokine that plays pivotal roles in immunity and tolerance. It is produced by activated T cells. IL-2 effects the activation, growth, proliferation and/or differentiation of various cell types including T and B lymphocytes and their precursors, LAK cells, NK cells, and monocytes/macrophages. IL-2 mediates its biological activities by binding to IL-2 receptor compleses. The intermediate affinity IL-2R is comprised of IL-2R $\beta$  (CD122) and common gamma chain ( $\gamma$ c; CD132) subunits whereas the high-affinity IL-2R is comprised of IL-2R $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ c subunits. The JES6-5H4 monoclonal antibody binds to IL-2 and neutralizes its biological activity.



Expression of IL-2 by stimulated CD4+ and CD4- BALB/c spleen cells. Splenocytes from 6 month-old BALB/C mice were stimulated for 5 hours with hamster anti-mouse CD3 (2 mg/ml final concentration; Cat. No. 553057, clone 145-2C11) and hamster anti-mouse CD28 (2 mg/ml final concentration; Cat. No. 553294, clone 37.51) antibodies in the presence of BD GolgiStop™ (3 µM final concentration; Cat. No. 554724). The cells were harvested, stained with 0.06 µg of PE-conjugated rat anti-mouse CD4 (PE-RM4-5, Cat. No. 553049), fixed, permeabilized, and subsequently stained with 0.06 µg of FITC-conjugated rat anti-mouse IL-2 antibody (FITC-JES6-SH4, Cat. No. 554271) using Pharmingen's staining protocol (left panel). To demonstrate specificity of staining, the binding by FITC-JES6-5H4 was blocked by each of the following: 1) preincubation of the conjugated antibody with recombinant mouse IL-2 (0.12 mg, Cat. No. 550069; middle panel), and by 2) preincubation of the fixed/permeabilized cells with excess unlabelled JES6-5H4 antibody 2.5 mg; Cat. No. 554425; right panel) prior to staining with the FITC-JES6-5H4 antibody. The quadrant markers for the bivariate dot plots were set based on the autofluorescence controls and verified using the recombinant cytokine blocking and unlabelled antibody blocking specificity controls. A suitable rat IgG2b isotype control for assessing the level of background staining on fixed/permeabilized mouse cells is Cat. No. 556923; use at comparable concentrations to antibody of interest.

## **Preparation and Storage**

Store undiluted at 4°C and protected from prolonged exposure to light. Do not freeze. The monoclonal antibody was purified from tissue culture supernatant or ascites by affinity chromatography. The antibody was conjugated with FITC under optimum conditions, and unreacted FITC was removed.

#### **Application Notes**

## Application

Intracellular staining (flow cytometry)	
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Routinely Tested

#### **Recommended Assay Procedure:**

Immunofluorescent Staining and Flow Cytometric Analysis: The JES6-5H4 antibody is useful for immunofluorescent staining and flow cytometric analysis to identify and enumerate IL-2 producing cells within mixed cell populations. FITC-, PE-, APC, Alexa Fluor® 488 and Alexa Fluor® 647 conjugated antibodies (Cat. No. 554427; Cat. No. 554428; Cat No. 554429, Cat. No. 557725 and Cat. No. 557736) are especially suitable for these studies.

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An appropriate rat IgG2b isotype control is Cat. No. 556923. A useful control for demonstrating specificity of staining is pre-blocking with one of the following: 1) recombinant mouse IL-2 (Cat. No. 550069) or 2) unlabeled JES6-5H4 antibody (Cat. No. 554425), prior to staining. For specific methodology, please visit the protocols section or chapter on intracellular staining in the Immune Function Handbook, both of which are posted on our web site, www.bdbiosciences.com.

## **Suggested Companion Products**

Catalog Number Name		Size	Clone	
554715	BD Cytofix/Cytoperm Plus Kit (with BD GolgiStop)	250 tests	(none)	
554652	MiCK-1 Mouse Cytokine Positive Control Cells	1.0 ml	(none)	
550069	Recombinant Mouse IL-2	20 µg	(none)	
556923	FITC Rat IgG2b, ĸ Isotype Control	0.1 mg	A95-1	
553057	Purified NA/LE Hamster Anti-Mouse CD3e	0.5 mg	145-2C11	
553294	Purified NA/LE Hamster Anti-Mouse CD28	0.5 mg	37.51	

## **Product Notices**

- 1. Since applications vary, each investigator should titrate the reagent to obtain optimal results.
- 2. Please refer to www.bdbiosciences.com/pharmingen/protocols for technical protocols.
- 3. Caution: Sodium azide yields highly toxic hydrazoic acid under acidic conditions. Dilute azide compounds in running water before discarding to avoid accumulation of potentially explosive deposits in plumbing.
- 4. Use of these products to measure activation antigens expressed on mononuclear cell subsets for the purpose of monitoring immunoregulatory status can fall under one or more claims of the following patents: US Patent Nos. 5,445,939, 5,656,446, 5,843,689; European Patent No. 319,543; Canadian Patent No. 1,296,622; Australian Patent No. 615,880; and Japanese Patent No. 2,769,156.
- 5. For fluorochrome spectra and suitable instrument settings, please refer to our Fluorochrome Web Page at www.bdbiosciences.com/colors.
- 6. An isotype control should be used at the same concentration as the antibody of interest.

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