

## Technical Data Sheet

## Purified NA/LE Rat Anti-Mouse CD44

## Product Information

<b>Material Number:</b>	553130
<b>Alternate Name:</b>	Pgp-1, H-CAM, Ly-24
<b>Size:</b>	0.5 mg
<b>Concentration:</b>	1.0 mg/ml
<b>Clone:</b>	IM7
<b>Immunogen:</b>	Dexamethasone-induced cells of the SJL mouse spontaneous myeloid leukemia M1
<b>Isotype:</b>	Rat IgG2b, $\kappa$
<b>Reactivity:</b>	QC Testing: Mouse
<b>Storage Buffer:</b>	No azide/low endotoxin: Aqueous buffered solution containing no preservative, 0.2 $\mu$ m sterile filtered. Endotoxin level is $\leq 0.01$ EU/ $\mu$ g ( $\leq 0.001$ ng/ $\mu$ g) of protein as determined by the LAL assay.

## Description

The IM7 antibody reacts with an epitope on both alloantigens and all isoforms of the CD44 glycoprotein (Pgp-1, Ly-24). The standard form of CD44, lacking variable exons and referred to as CD44H or CD44s, is widely expressed on hematopoietic and non-hematopoietic cells. CD44 isoforms encoded by variable exons are expressed on epithelial cells, but only at low levels on most leukocytes. Mice with the Ly-24.1 alloantigen (e.g., BALB/c, CBA/J, DBA/1, DBA/2) have relatively large subsets of CD44H+ T lymphocytes, while Ly-24.2 strains (e.g., A, AKR, CBA/N, C3H/He, C57BL, C57BR, C57L, C58, NZB, SJL, SWR, 129) have few CD44H+ T cells. CD44 is a cell adhesion receptor, and its principal ligand, hyaluronate, is a common component of extracellular matrices. Differential glycosylation of CD44 influences its binding to hyaluronate. Additional ligands include the cell-surface form of CD74 and the cytokine osteopontin (Eta-1). Bone marrow- and thymus-derived progenitor cells capable of repopulating the thymus express CD44. In the periphery, the level of CD44 expression increases upon activation of B lymphocytes, CD4+ T cells, and CD8+ T cells; memory cells can be recognized by their CD44[hi] phenotype. The IM7 mAb inhibits established collagen-induced arthritis in DBA/1 mice. Moreover, it prevents CNS inflammation and clinical symptoms of experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis. In contrast, the same antibody exacerbates experimental autoimmune thyroiditis in CBA/J mice. The IM7 mAb recognizes a different epitope from that recognized by mAb KM114 (Cat. No. 558739), and the antibody pair can be used in ELISA to detect soluble CD44. It has been observed that IM7 antibody cross-reacts with human, dog, cat, horse, cow, and pig leukocytes. Anti-human CD44, clone G44-26 (Cat. No. 555476), and IM7 antibody compete for binding to human peripheral blood lymphocytes.

## Preparation and Storage

Store undiluted at 4°C.

The monoclonal antibody was purified from tissue culture supernatant or ascites by affinity chromatography.

This preparation contains no preservatives, thus it should be handled under aseptic conditions.

## Application Notes

## Application

Flow cytometry	Routinely Tested
Blocking	Reported
ELISA	Reported
Immunoprecipitation	Reported
Immunohistochemistry-frozen	Reported
Immunohistochemistry-paraffin	Reported

## Recommended Assay Procedure:

**Note:** Investigators may wish to consider using MN 550538 for the immunohistochemistry application. In addition, anti-mouse CD44 mAb KM114 (Cat. No. 558739) has been reported to be effective for western blot analysis and blocking of hyaluronan binding.

## Suggested Companion Products

Catalog Number	Name	Size	Clone
550538	Purified Rat Anti-Mouse CD44	1.0 ml	IM7
558739	Purified Rat Anti-Mouse CD44	0.1 mg	KM114
554016	FITC Goat Anti-Rat Ig	0.5 mg	Polyclonal

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## 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](http://www.bdbiosciences.com/pharmingen/protocols) for technical protocols.

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