

## Technical Data Sheet

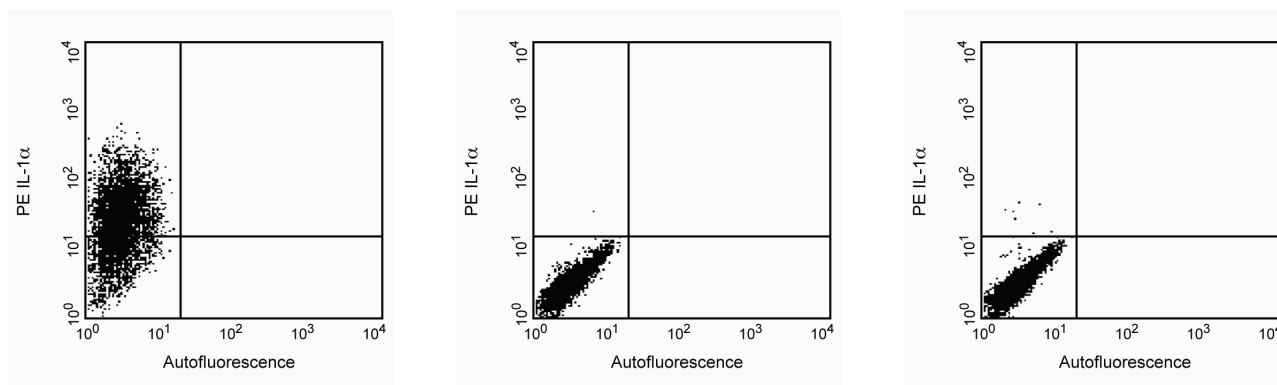
PE Hamster Anti-Mouse IL-1 $\alpha$ 

## Product Information

<b>Material Number:</b>	<b>559810</b>
<b>Size:</b>	0.1 mg
<b>Concentration:</b>	0.2 mg/ml
<b>Clone:</b>	ALF-161
<b>Immunogen:</b>	Mouse IL-1 $\alpha$ recombinant protein
<b>Isotype:</b>	Armenian Hamster IgG1, $\lambda$
<b>Reactivity:</b>	QC Testing: Mouse
<b>Storage Buffer:</b>	Aqueous buffered solution containing $\leq 0.09\%$ sodium azide.

## Description

This antibody recognizes the precursor, secreted and membrane-associated forms of mouse interleukin-1 $\alpha$  (IL-1 $\alpha$ ) protein. No cross-reactivity was detected with mouse IL-1 $\beta$ . This antibody does not recognize human IL-1 $\alpha$  or IL-1 $\beta$ . The cross-reactivity of this antibody with IL-1 $\alpha$  from other species has not been tested. The immunogen used to generate this ALF-161 hybridoma was purified, recombinant mouse IL-1 $\alpha$  protein. This is a neutralizing antibody.



**Expression of IL-1 $\alpha$  by activated mouse peritoneal macrophages.** Thioglycolate-elicited BALB/c mouse peritoneal macrophages were primed for 2 hour with *rmIFN- $\gamma$*  (10  $\mu$ g/ml, Cat. No. 554587) and stimulated overnight with LPS (1  $\mu$ g/ml, Sigma Cat. No. L-8274) in the presence of BD GolgiPlug™ (containing Brefeldin A, Cat. No. 555029). The activated cells were harvested, fixed, permeabilized and stained with PE-conjugated anti-mouse IL-1 $\alpha$  antibody (PE-ALF-161, Cat. No. 559810; left panel) following BD Biosciences Pharmingen's intracellular staining protocol. To demonstrate specificity of staining, the binding of PE-ALF-161 antibody was blocked by preincubation of the conjugated antibody with recombinant mouse IL-1 $\alpha$  (0.25  $\mu$ g, Cat. No. 551778; middle panel) or by preincubation of the fixed/ permeabilized cells with unlabelled ALF-161 antibody (5.0  $\mu$ g; Cat. No. 550604; right panel) prior to staining with the PE-ALF-161 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.

## Preparation and Storage

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

The antibody was conjugated with R-PE under optimum conditions, and unconjugated antibody and free PE were removed.

Store undiluted at 4° C and protected from prolonged exposure to light. Do not freeze.

## Application Notes

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Intracellular staining (flow cytometry)	Routinely Tested
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## Recommended Assay Procedure:

**Immunofluorescent Staining and Flow Cytometry Analysis:** The PE-conjugated ALF-161 antibody can be used for multicolor immunofluorescent staining and flow cytometric analyses to identify and enumerate IL-1 $\alpha$ -producing cells within mixed cell populations (see figure). For optimal immunofluorescent staining with flow cytometric analysis, this anti-cytokine antibody should be titrated ( $\leq 0.25$   $\mu$ g mAb/million cells). 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](http://www.bdbiosciences.com).

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A useful control for demonstrating specificity of staining is either of the following: 1) pre-block the conjugated ALF-161 antibody with its cognate ligand (e.g., recombinant mouse IL-1 $\alpha$ ) prior to staining, or 2) pre-block the fixed/permeabilized cells with unlabelled ALF-161 antibody (Cat. No. 550604) prior to staining. The intracellular cytokine staining technique and use of blocking controls are described in detail by C. Prussin and D. Metcalfe. A suitable Armenian hamster IgG isotype control for assessing the level of background staining on paraformaldehyde-fixed/saponin-permeabilized mouse or human cells is PE-G235-2356 (Cat. No. 554711); use at comparable concentrations to antibody of interest (e.g.,  $\leq 0.25$   $\mu$ g mAb/1 million cells).

**ELISA:** The ALF-161 antibody is useful as a capture antibody in a sandwich ELISA. Cat. No. 550604 is recommended for this application.

**Neutralization:** The ALF-161 antibody is useful for neutralization of mouse IL-1 $\alpha$  bioactivity.

**Western Blot:** The purified ALF-161 antibody has been found useful for Western blotting. Please note that this application is not routinely tested at BD Biosciences Pharmingen.

### Suggested Companion Products

Catalog Number	Name	Size	Clone
554711	PE Hamster IgG1, $\lambda$ 1 Isotype Control	0.1 mg	G235-2356
554587	Recombinant Mouse IFN- $\gamma$ Protein	10 $\mu$ g	(none)
550604	Purified Hamster Anti-Mouse IL-1 $\alpha$	0.5 mg	ALF-161
555029	Protein Transport Inhibitor (Containing Brefeldin A)	1.0 ml	(none)
554715	BD Cytofix/Cytoperm Plus Kit (with BD GolgiStop)	250 tests	(none)
554654	Mick-3 Cytokine Positive Control Cells	5x10 <sup>6</sup> cells	(none)

### 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.
3. For fluorochrome spectra and suitable instrument settings, please refer to our Fluorochrome Web Page at [www.bdbiosciences.com/pharmingen/colors](http://www.bdbiosciences.com/pharmingen/colors).
4. 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.

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