Technical Data Sheet

PE Mouse Anti-Human Alpha-fetoprotein

Product Information

Material Number:	563002
Alternate Name:	Alpha-1-fetoprotein, Alpha-fetoglobulin, AFP
Size:	50 tests
Vol. per Test:	5 µl
Clone:	C3/AFP (also known as C3)
Immunogen:	Human Alpha-fetoprotein
Isotype:	Mouse (BALB/c) IgG2a
Reactivity:	QC Testing: Human
Storage Buffer:	Aqueous buffered solution containing BSA and ≤0.09% sodium azide.

Description

Alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) is a member of the albuminoid gene family which includes albumin, alpha-albumin, and vitamin D protein. Alpha-fetoprotein is an abundant plasma protein synthesized from fetal yolk sac, liver, and gastrointestinal tract during development. Similar to albumin, AFP binds and transports multiple ligands such as nickel, copper, billirubin, and fatty acids. AFP levels are low to absent in healthy adult tissues whereas elevated AFP levels in the adult can be indicative of malignancies. In particular, AFP is expressed in hepatocellular carcinoma, germ cell tumors, and metatstatic cancers of the liver. Maternal serum AFP levels can be monitored to screen for fetal abnormalities. AFP is used as a hepatic progenitor marker in hepatic differentiations from pluripotent stem cells.



Flow cytometric analysis of AFP expression in human liver hepatocellular carcinoma cells. Human liver hepatocellular carcinoma cells Hep G2 (ATCC®, HB-8065™) were harvested with Accutase™ Cell Detachment Solution (Cat. No. 561527), fixed with BD Cytofix™ fixation buffer (Cat. No. 554655) and permeabilized with BD Phosflow™ Perm buffer III (Cat. No. 558050). The cells were stained with either PE Mouse IgG2a, κ isotype control (dashed line, Cat. No. 558595) or PE Mouse anti-Human Alpha-fetoprotein monoclonal antibody (solid line) at matched concentrations. Histograms were derived from gated events based on light scattering characteristics of HepG2 cells. Flow cytometry was performed on a BD FACSCanto™ II flow cytometry system

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 R-PE under optimum conditions, and unconjugated antibody and free PE were removed.

Application Notes

Application				
Intracellular staining (flow cytometry)		Routinely Tested		
Suggested Compa	nion Products			
Catalog Number	Name		Size	Clone
561527	Accutase [™] Cell Detachment Solution		100 ml	(none)
554655	Fixation Buffer		100 ml	(none)
558050	Perm Buffer III		125 ml	(none)
558595	PE Mouse IgG2a, κ Isotype Control		50 tests	MOPC-173
554656	Stain Buffer (FBS)		500 ml	(none)
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Product Notices

- This reagent has been pre-diluted for use at the recommended Volume per Test. We typically use 1×10^{6} cells in a 100-µl experimental 1. sample (a test).
- An isotype control should be used at the same concentration as the antibody of interest. 2
- Accutase is a registered trademark of Innovative Cell Technologies, Inc. 3
- 4. All other brands are trademarks of their respective owners.
- Source of all serum proteins is from USDA inspected abattoirs located in the United States. 5.
- Caution: Sodium azide vields highly toxic hydrazoic acid under acidic conditions. Dilute azide compounds in running water before 6. discarding to avoid accumulation of potentially explosive deposits in plumbing.
- 7. For fluorochrome spectra and suitable instrument settings, please refer to our Multicolor Flow Cytometry web page at www.bdbiosciences.com/colors.
- Please refer to www.bdbiosciences.com/pharmingen/protocols for technical protocols. 8.

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