## BACKGROUND

Malaria is an infectious disease caused by a protistan parasite of the genus Plasmodium and is mainly transmitted by mosquitoes. Plasmodium invades the red blood cells of its host, which causes symptoms such as fever, anemia and in severe cases, coma potentially leading to death. In the blood-stage forms of the malarial parasite Plasmodium falciparum, the merozoite surface protein 1 (MSP-1) is a major surface component. In preparation for erythrocyte invasion, MSP-1 undergoes selective proteolytic processing and reassembly. A glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI) anchor links MSP-1 to the parasite plasma membrane. MSP-1 contains mono- or oligosaccharides in 0-linkage to serines or threonines. N -linked carbohydrates also associate with asparagines on MSP-1, despite the lack of N -glycosylating machinery in $P$. falciparum parasites. The peptide ligand T cell epitopes of MSP-1 mutually inhibit IFN- $\gamma$ secretion as well as proliferation of CD4+ T cells in a majority of malaria cases, making it a good vaccine candidate antigen.

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## SOURCE

MSP-1 (PEM-2) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against recombinant MSP-1 of Plasmodium falciparum origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains $100 \mu \mathrm{glg} \mathrm{g}_{1}$ in 1.0 ml of PBS with $<0.1 \%$ sodium azide and $0.1 \%$ gelatin.

## APPLICATIONS

MSP-1 (PEM-2) is recommended for detection of MSP-1 of Plasmodium falciparum origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000).
Molecular Weight of MSP-1: 195 kDa .

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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## STORAGE

Store at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C},{ }^{* *}$ DO NOT FREEZE ${ }^{* *}$. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

## RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.

## PROTOCOLS

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