

# MHC class Ib (130): sc-18832

## BACKGROUND

Major histocompatibility complex (MHC, human leukocyte antigen (HLA) molecules are cell-surface receptors that bind foreign peptides and present them to T lymphocytes. MHC class I molecules consist of two polypeptide chains, an  $\alpha$  or heavy chain, and a non-covalently associated protein,  $\beta$ 2-microglobulin. Cytotoxic T lymphocytes bind antigenic peptides presented by MHC class I molecules. Antigens that bind to MHC class I molecules are typically 8-10 residues in length and are stabilized in a peptide binding groove. MHC class II molecules are encoded by polymorphic MHC genes and consist of a non-covalent complex of an a and b chain. Helper T lymphocytes bind antigenic peptides presented by MHC class II molecules. MHC class II molecules bind 13-18 amino acid antigenic peptides. Accumulating in endosomal/lysosomal compartments and on the surface of B cells, HLA-DM and -DO molecules regulate binding of exogenous peptides to class II molecules (HLA-DR) by sustaining a conformation that favors peptide exchange. The differential structural properties of MHC class I and class II molecules account for their respective roles in activating different populations of T lymphocytes.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: H2-K1 (mouse) mapping to 17 B1.

## SOURCE

MHC class Ib (130) is a Armenian hamster monoclonal antibody raised against recombinant MHC class I-b antigen M3 of mouse origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin. Also available azide-free for functional blocking of T cells, sc-18832 L, 200  $\mu$ g/0.1 ml.

MHC class Ib (130) is available conjugated to either phycoerythrin (sc-18832 PE) or fluorescein (sc-18832 FITC), 200  $\mu$ g/ml, for IF, IHC(P) and FCM.

## STORAGE

Store at 4° C, **\*\*DO NOT FREEZE\*\***. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

## APPLICATIONS

MHC class Ib (130) is recommended for detection of the murine MHC class Ib molecule H2-M3 of mouse and rat origin by immunoprecipitation [1-2  $\mu$ g per 100-500  $\mu$ g of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)] and immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

Molecular Weight of MHC class Ib: 39 kDa.

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## RESEARCH USE

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