**BACKGROUND**

Major histocompatibility complex (MHC) molecules, also designated 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 α chain or heavy chain, and β2-Microglobulin, a non-covalently associated protein. 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 α chain and β 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.

**CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: HLA-A (human) mapping to 6p22.1, HLA-B/HLA-C (human) mapping to 6p21.33.

**SOURCE**

MHC class I (W6/32) is a mouse monoclonal antibody recognizing the W6/32 antigenic determinant common to HLA-A, B and C antigens of human origin.

**PRODUCT**

Each vial contains 200 µg IgG2a kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

MHC class I (W6/32) is available conjugated to agarose (sc-32235 AC), 500 µg/0.25 ml agarose in 1 ml, for IP; to HRP (sc-32235 HRP), 200 µg/ml, for WB, HRP and ELISA; to either phycoerythrin (sc-32235 PE), fluorescein (sc-32235 FITC), Alexa Fluor® 488 (sc-32235 AF488), Alexa Fluor® 546 (sc-32235 AF546), Alexa Fluor® 594 (sc-32235 AF594) or Alexa Fluor® 647 (sc-32235 AF647), 200 µg/ml, for WB (RGB), IF, IHC(P) and FCM; and to either Alexa Fluor® 680 (sc-32235 AF680) or Alexa Fluor® 790 (sc-32235 AF790), 200 µg/ml, for Near-Infrared (NIR) WB, IF and FCM.

In addition, MHC class I (W6/32) is available conjugated to either PerCP (sc-32235 PerCP) or PerCP-Cy5.5 (sc-32235 PCPC5), 100 tests in 2 ml, for IF, IHC(P) and FCM.

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**APPLICATIONS**

MHC class I (W6/32) is recommended for detection of HLA-A, HLA-B and HLA-C of human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation (1-2 µg per 100-500 µg of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)), immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and flow cytometry (1 µg per 1 x 10⁶ cells).

Molecular Weight of MHC class I: 46 kDa.

**STORAGE**

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

**DATA**

**SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS**


**RESEARCH USE**

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