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Ig λ chain (Rs4): sc-51638



BACKGROUND

Antibody producing cells of the immune system require multiple rearrangements of immunoglobulin (antibody, Ig) genes. Immunoglobulins are fourchain, Y-shaped, monomeric structures of two identical heavy chains and two identical light chains held together through interchain disulfide bonds. Immunoglobulins in vertebrates help to remove non-self molecules or cells (antigens) by recognizing and binding to the antigen and carrying out effector functions that activate the immune system. Variable genetic combinations of the five heavy chain classes (M, D, G, E and A) and the two light chain isotypes, κ and λ , confer the role of an antibody. The variable region genes encoding immunoglobulin κ and λ chains are assembled from three DNA segments, the V, C and J genes. Human κ light chain genes map to chromosome 2 and the human λ light chain genes map to chromosome 22. κ gene recombination can precede λ gene recombination during B cell ontogeny and only a single light chain type is expressed in individual B cells. Antibodies in camels and sharks can lack light chain, suggesting that light chain may not be essential for antigen binding in some vertebrates.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: IGLC2 (human) mapping to 22g11.22.

SOURCE

Ig λ chain (Rs4) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against IgG λ light chains of human origin.

PRODUCT

Each vial contains 100 μ g lgG₁ in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

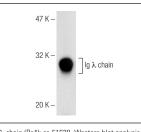
APPLICATIONS

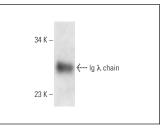
Ig λ chain (Rs4) is recommended for detection of λ light chains of Ig of human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2 µg per 100-500 µg of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)] and immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

Molecular Weight of Ig λ chain: 25-30 kDa.

Positive Controls: Ramos cell lysate: sc-2216, NAMALWA cell lysate: sc-2234 or U266 whole cell lysate: sc-364800.

DATA





lg λ chain (Rs4): sc-51638. Western blot analysis of Ig λ chain expression in U266 whole cell lysate

lg λ chain (Rs4): sc-51638. Western blot analysis of In λ chain expression in human PBL whole cell lysate

STORAGE

Store at 4° 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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