# Ig κ chain (OX12): sc-53079



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## **BACKGROUND**

Antibody producing cells of the immune system require multiple rearrangements of immunoglobulin (antibody, Ig) genes. Immunoglobulins are four-chain, 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,  $\kappa$ and  $\lambda$ , confer the role of an antibody. The variable region genes encoding immunoglobulin  $\kappa$  and  $\lambda$  chains are assembled from three DNA segments, the V, C and J genes. Human  $\kappa$  light chain genes map to chromosome 2 and the human  $\lambda$  light chain genes map to chromosome 22.  $\kappa$  gene recombination can precede  $\lambda$  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 chains, suggesting that light chains may not be essential for antigen binding in some vertebrates.

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# **CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: Igkc (mouse) mapping to 6 C1.

## **SOURCE**

Ig  $\kappa$  chain (0X12) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against F(ab')<sub>2</sub> fragment of IgG of rat origin.

#### **PRODUCT**

Each vial contains 200  $\mu g$   $lgG_{2a}$  kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

 $\lg \kappa$  chain (OX12) is available conjugated to either phycoerythrin (sc-53079 PE) or fluorescein (sc-53079 FITC), 200  $\mu$ g/ml, for WB (RGB), IF, IHC(P) and FCM.

## **APPLICATIONS**

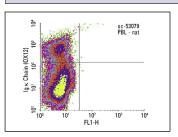
 $\lg \kappa$  chain (0X12) is recommended for detection of a determinant on rat  $\kappa$  chains of mouse and rat origin by immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and flow cytometry (1  $\mu$ g per 1 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells).

Molecular Weight of Ig κ chain: 28 kDa.

## **RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS**

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended: 1) Immunofluorescence: use m-lgG $\kappa$  BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-lgG $\kappa$  BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz® Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz® Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## DATA



 $\lg\kappa$  chain (0X12): sc-53079. Indirect FCM analysis of rat peripheral blood leukocytes stained with  $\lg\kappa$  chain (0X12), followed by PE-conjugated goat anti-mouse  $\lg G_3$  sc-3738. Quadrant markers were set based on the isotype control, normal mouse  $\lg G_{2a}$ : sc-3878.

## **STORAGE**

Store at 4° C, \*\*D0 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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