

# Pneumolysin (1F11): sc-80500

## BACKGROUND

Pneumolysin, also known as PLY or *Streptococcus pneumoniae* D39, is a pneumococcal intracellular toxin. It is an important virulence factor of pneumococcus and has proinflammatory and cytotoxic activities. Pneumolysin activates the classical complement pathway and stimulates the production of cytokines by monocytes and macrophages. It can affect polymorphonuclear cell activity such as chemotaxis, degranulation and bactericidal activity. At toxic levels, Pneumolysin binds to cholesterol-containing cell membranes and induces the formation of ring-shaped pores resulting in cell death. Pneumolysin promotes extra-pulmonary dissemination of the pneumococcus and is the major cause of bacterial meningitis. It permanently damages cochlear hair cells and leads to subsequent loss of hearing. An immune system response is activated by the recognition of Pneumolysin by the Toll-like receptor, TLR4. The production of Pneumolysin can be inhibited by erythromycin, clindamycin and rifampicin.

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## SOURCE

Pneumolysin (1F11) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against Pneumolysin of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 100 µg IgG<sub>1</sub> in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

## APPLICATIONS

Pneumolysin (1F11) is recommended for detection of Pneumolysin of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000).

Molecular Weight of Pneumolysin: 53 kDa.

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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## 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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