BACKGROUND

Interleukin-6, or IL-6, is a multifunctional protein, 212 amino acids in length, that plays critical roles in host defense, immune response and hematopoiesis. IL-6 is constitutively expressed by epidermal Langerhans cells and its expression is induced in stimulated keratinocytes. IL-6, IL-1β and TNFα act as endogenous pyrogens, regulating the fever response to bacterial invasion. The IL-6 receptor is a trimeric complex composed of an IL-6-specific α chain and a homodimer of the gp130 glycoprotein common to the IL-6, IL-11, CNTF, OSM and LIF receptors. Stimulation with IL-6 leads to gp130 homodimerization and the activation of associated kinases JAK1 and JAK2. Once activated, JAK1 and JAK2 phosphorylate Stat3, causing its nuclear translocation and transcription of Stat3-responsive genes. IL-6 has also been shown to activate the Ras/MAP kinase pathway, which regulates NFIL6 transcription.

REFERENCES


CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: IL6 (human) mapping to 7p15.3.

SOURCE

IL-6 (Y-15) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping within an internal region of IL-6 of human origin.

PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200 µg IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-323976 P, (100 µg peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

APPLICATIONS

IL-6 (Y-15) is recommended for detection of IL-6 of human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000); non cross-reactive with other Interleukin proteins.

RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2020 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2033 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use donkey anti-goat IgG-FITC: sc-2024 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or donkey anti-goat IgG-TR: sc-2783 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

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

See our web site at www.scbt.com or our catalog for detailed protocols and support products.