

Monoclonal Antibody J2

Description J2 monoclonal antibody (mAb), mouse, IgG2a, kappa chain

Lot Nr. **J2-1506** **Amount:** 200 µg

J2-1507 **Amount:** 500 µg

Concentration

after reconstitution **1.00 mg/ml** as determined as determined by $A_{280\text{ nm}}$ ($A_{280\text{ nm}} = 1.47$ corresponds to 1 mg/ml antibody) gel electrophoretically pure IgG antibody.

Reconstitution The lyophilised sample should be reconstituted with:

200 µl sterile distilled water for 200µg antibody

500 µl sterile distilled water for 500µg antibody.

The mAb will then be in PBS without any stabilisers at the concentration given.

As a result of the lyophilisation procedure, the reconstituted antibody may contain small amounts of denatured protein in the form of aggregates that may interfere with some applications such as immunohistochemistry (e.g. by giving high backgrounds). We therefore highly recommend centrifuging (microcentrifuge) the reconstituted antibody before use and using the supernatant.

Specificity

The mAb J2 recognises double-stranded RNA (dsRNA) provided that the length of the helix is greater than or equal to 40 bp. dsRNA-recognition is independent of the sequence and nucleotide composition of the antigen. All naturally occurring dsRNAs investigated up to now (40-50 species) as well as poly(I)·poly(C) and poly(A)·poly(U) have been recognised by J2, although in some assays its affinity to poly(I)·poly(C) is about 10 times lower than that to other dsRNA antigens.

Applications

mAb J2 can be used for ELISA, dsRNA-immunoblotting, immunoaffinity chromatography and in certain systems also for immunohistochemistry (see references).

Please note that nucleic acid separation prior to dsRNA-immunoblotting must be carried out by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, because the sensitivity of detection is considerably lower after blotting from agarose gels.

Not for use for clinical purposes. For *in vitro* use only.

Stability and storage

After reconstitution antibodies should be aliquoted and stored at -20 °C or -70 °C.

After adding 10 mM sodium azide undiluted antibody can also be stored at +4 °C for a short period of time. For long term storage the mAb should be kept frozen. Repeated freezing/thawing cycles should be avoided.

References

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