**Product Information**

**Material Number:** 553866

**Alternate Name:** Interleukin-2 receptor alpha chain; IL-2RA; IL-2Rα; II2ra; IL-2R p55

**Size:** 0.2 mg

**Concentration:** 0.2 mg/ml

**Clone:** PC61

**Immunogen:** IL-2-dependent cytolytic mouse T-cell clone B6.1

**Isotype:** Rat (OFA) IgG1, λ

**Reactivity:** QC Testing: Mouse

**Storage Buffer:** Aqueous buffered solution containing ≤0.09% sodium azide.

**Description**

The PC61 monoclonal antibody specifically binds to CD25, the low-affinity IL-2 Receptor α chain (IL-2Rα, p55) expressed on activated T and B lymphocytes from all mouse strains tested. IL-2Rα by itself is not a signaling receptor. However, it can combine with IL-2 Receptor β (CD122) and γ (CD132) chains to form high-affinity, signaling receptor complexes for IL-2. Resting T and B lymphocytes and resting and activated NK cells do not express IL-2Rα. CD25 is transiently expressed at a low level during normal B-cell development in the bone marrow on the CD45R/B220low TdT- slg- Pre-B/Pre-B-II and CD45R/B220low TdT- slgM+ slgD- immature B stages, but not on the CD45R/B220low TdT+ slg- Pre-B/Pre-B-I stage nor on CD45R/B220high TdT- slgM+ slgD+ mature B cells. It is expressed at a higher level during a very early stage of T-cell development in fetal and adult thymus. Peripheral CD25+CD4+ lymphocytes called regulatory T (Treg) cells are involved in the maintenance of self-tolerance. It has also been reported that dendritic cells express CD25, recognized by mAb 7D4. The PC61 antibody recognizes an epitope of CD25 which is distinct from the IL-2 binding site and from those recognized by mAbs 3C7 and 7D4. It blocks binding of IL-2 to CD25, presumably by inducing a conformational change in CD25.

**Flow cytometric analysis of CD25 expression on mouse bone marrow.** BALB/c bone marrow leukocytes were simultaneously stained with FITC Rat Anti-Mouse CD45R/B220 (Cat. No. 553087/553088) and PE Rat Anti-Mouse CD25 antibody (Cat. No. 553866/561065, right panel). Contour plots were derived from gated events with the forward and side light-scatter characteristics of viable cells. Flow cytometric analysis was performed using a BD FACScan™ flow cytometry system.

**Preparation and Storage**

Store undiluted at 4°C and protected from prolonged exposure to light. Do not freeze.

The monoclonal antibody was purified from tissue culture supernatant or ascites by affinity chromatography.

The antibody was conjugated with R-PE under optimum conditions, and unconjugated antibody and free PE were removed.

**Application Notes**

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Product Notices
1. Since applications vary, each investigator should titrate the reagent to obtain optimal results.
2. An isotype control should be used at the same concentration as the antibody of interest.
3. Caution: Sodium azide yields highly toxic hydrazoic acid under acidic conditions. Dilute azide compounds in running water before discarding to avoid accumulation of potentially explosive deposits in plumbing.
4. For fluorochrome spectra and suitable instrument settings, please refer to our Multicolor Flow Cytometry web page at www.bdbiosciences.com/colors.

References
Chen J, Ma A, Young F, Alt FW. IL-2 receptor alpha chain expression during early B lymphocyte differentiation. *Int Immunol*. 1994; 6(8):1265-1268. (Biology)