

# IOTest<sup>®</sup> Anti-Thrombin Receptor-PE

PN IM2584 – 100 tests – 20 µL / test – Clone WEDE15

**For Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.**

## SPECIFICITY

Thrombin is a coagulation protease produced at sites of vascular injury that activates platelets, endothelial cells, leukocytes and mesenchymal cells via cleavage of specific cell surface receptors known as proteinase activated receptors (PARs). A functional thrombin receptor from human platelets has been cloned and sequenced (1). It is a 66-kDa, single polypeptide chain that belongs to the cell-surface G-protein-coupled receptor family, with seven transmembrane domains and an extracellular N terminus (1, 2).

The thrombin cleavage site is located in the N terminus between Arg41 and Ser42. Following cleavage by thrombin, activated receptors undergo desensitization and internalization but a fraction of them are recycled to the cell surface (3, 4).

WEDE15 specifically reacts with the thrombin receptor, expressed on megakaryocytic cells, platelets and endothelial cells. A study, using this antibody, has shown that thrombin receptor is also expressed on a subpopulation of peripheral blood lymphocytes (about 30% of T cells and almost all the CD56-positive natural killer cells) but not on B cells, granulocytes and monocytes (5, data on file at Immunotech).

WEDE15 recognizes specifically the N-terminal peptide of thrombin receptor residues 51-64 (KYEPFWEDEEKNES, ref. 3). WEDE15 is a «cleavage-insensitive» antibody since it reacts with both cleaved and uncleaved receptors. In combination with SPAN12 antibody (PN IM2383), another monoclonal antibody reacting only with uncleaved receptor thrombin receptors, WEDE15 allows calculation of the proportion of intact receptors at the cell surface (4, 6, 7).

The WEDE 15 monoclonal antibody was assigned to the Thrombin Receptor at the VIth International Workshop on Human Leukocyte Differentiation Antigens in Kobe, Japan (1996) (5).

## REAGENT

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Conjugated Antibody

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**Clone** WEDE15

**Isotype** IgG1, mouse

**Immunogen** N-terminal peptide of thrombin receptor residues 51-64 (KYEPFWEDEEKNES).

**Hybridoma** SP2 X mouse Balb/c spleen cells

**Source** Ascites Fluid

**Purification** Protein A affinity chromatography

**Conjugation** R-phycoerythrin (PE) is conjugated at 0.5 – 1.5 moles of PE per mole of Ig

Excitation wavelength: 488 nm

Maximum emission wavelength: 575 nm

Main emission color: Orange-red

**Buffer** 2 mg/mL bovine serum albumin in phosphate-buffered saline containing 0.1% sodium azide.

## STATEMENT OF WARNINGS

1. This reagent contains 0.1% sodium azide. Sodium azide under acid conditions yields hydrazoic acid, an extremely toxic compound. Azide compounds should be flushed with running water while being discarded. These precautions are recommended to avoid deposits in metal piping in which explosive conditions can develop. If skin or eye contact occurs, wash excessively with water.
2. Specimens, samples and all material coming in contact with them should be handled as if capable of transmitting infection and disposed of with proper precautions.
3. Never pipet by mouth and avoid contact of samples with skin and mucous membranes.
4. Do not use antibody beyond the expiration date on the label.

5. Do not expose reagents to strong light during storage or incubation.
6. Avoid microbial contamination of reagents or incorrect results might occur.
7. Use good laboratory practices when handling this reagent.

## APPLICATION

Studies of Thrombin-Receptor positive cells by flow cytometry.

## STORAGE CONDITIONS AND STABILITY

Each reagent is stable up to the expiration date when stored in the dark at 2 – 8°C. Do not freeze.

## REAGENT PREPARATION

No reconstitution is necessary for this liquid form. Bring vial to 18 – 25°C prior to use.

## PROCEDURE

This reagent is designed for flow cytometry.

Assay volume: 20 µL / 5 x 10<sup>5</sup> cells / test or 10<sup>6</sup> platelets or 100 µL of whole blood.

**Note:** Do not fix samples before staining.

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## PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

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