SPECIFICITY
The CD120a antigen, also known as tumor necrosis factor receptor type 1 (TNFR1) or p55 (1 – 3) belongs to the TNF receptor superfAMILY. Tumor necrosis factor (TNF) is a cytokine with a wide range of biological activities in inflammatory and immunologic responses. These activities are mediated by specific cell surface receptors of 55 kDa (CD120a) and 75 kDa (CD120b) apparent molecular masses. CD120a is the main receptor for TNF-α. Also able to bind to this receptor, although with lower affinity than TNF-α, are lymphotixin (LT)-α (or LTA), also known as TNF-β when secreted as a homotrimer, as well as the membrane-associated LTβR heterotrimer. Crystallographic studies revealed that the complex has three receptor molecules bound symmetrically to one TNF-β trimer (4). TNF and LT are released by macrophages and certain lymphocytes, and are capable of promoting the lysis of many cell types including some tumor cells (5). CD120a is a type I transmembrane glycoprotein, containing four cysteine-rich subdomains in the extracellular portion and 4 potential N-linked glycosylation sites (1, 2). The cDNA encodes a protein divided into an extracellular domain of 189 residues, a transmembrane segment of 23 residues, and a cytoplasmic domain of 222 residues (1, 2). CD120a has a unique domain called the death domain (DD), which is localized in the C-terminal portion of the cytoplasmic domain (6, 7). The trimerization of the CD120a induced by TNF results in the recruitment of TNFR1-associated death domain protein (TRADD) and RIP via the interaction with the death domain (8 – 11). Binding of ligands to CD120a can generate responses as diverse as apoptosis and the expression of NF-kB-dependent pro-survival genes and protection against TNF-induced apoptosis (12).

A soluble form of CD120a has also been described (13 – 14) which can be generated from a proteolytic cleavage of the cell surface forms and acts as inhibitor of TNF responses (14).

The CD120a is mainly expressed by monocytes/macrophages and neutrophils (1, 2, 15). It is also expressed on about 10% of monocytes/macrophages and neutrophils (14). Finally, bronchoalveolar cells have also been described to express CD120a (19).

The CD120a H398 monoclonal antibody (mAb) has antagonistic properties (21). It reacts with the extracellular portion of the CD120a. It also reacts with the soluble receptor.

REAGENT
IOTest CD120a (TNFR1)-PE Conjugated Antibody
PN A22359 – 100 tests – 20 µL / test.
Clone H398
Isotype IgG2a, mouse
Immunogen Purified TNFR1
Source Ascites fluid
Purification Affinity chromatography on Protein A
Conjugation R-phycocerythrin (PE) is conjugated at 0.5 – 1.5 moles of PE per mole of lg.

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.

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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 or heat.
6. Avoid microbial contamination of reagents or incorrect results might occur.

STORAGE CONDITIONS AND STABILITY
This reagent is stable up to the expiration date when stored at 2 – 8°C. Do not freeze. Minimize exposure to light.

REAGENT PREPARATION
Unlike what is stated on the package insert of the IOTest 3 Fixative Solution (PN IM3515), the present procedure does not use this fixative solution as a 10X concentrated solution.

Procedure:
1. Label tubes for analysis.
2. Pipet into each tube 10 µL of the monoclonal antibody (mAb) or mAb mixture.
3. Add 100 µL of whole blood.
4. Vortex each tube for 5 seconds.
5. Place tubes in 18 – 25°C for 20 minutes. Protect from light.
6. Add 1.0 mL of the "fix-and-lyse" mixture to each tube and vortex immediately for one second after each addition.
7. Centrifuge at room temperature for at least 10 minutes. Let tubes sit, protected from light.
8. Centrifuge the tubes at 150 x g for 5 minutes and discard the supernatant by aspiration.
9. Add 3 mL of PBS.
10. Centrifuge the tubes at 150 x g for 5 minutes and discard the supernatant by aspiration.
11. Resuspend the pellets by addition of 0.5 mL of fixing buffer.
12. Vortex each tube for 5 minutes.
13. Store at 2 – 8°C until analysis:
   a) for fresh specimens (<12 hours), analyze within 6 hours;
   b) for older specimens, analyze within 2 hours.

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**SELECTED RESEARCH REFERENCES**


**PRODUCT AVAILABILITY**

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