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**REAGENT**

IOTest Anti-Thrombin Receptor-PE Conjugated Antibody

PN IM2583 — 100 tests — 20 µL / test — Clone SPAN12

**Isotype**

IgG1, mouse

**Immunogen**

N-terminal peptide of thrombin receptor residues 35-46 (NATLDPR/SFLLR).

**Hybridoma**

SP2 x mouse Balb/c spleen cells

**Source**

Asites Fluid

**Purification**

Protein A affinity chromatography

**Conjugation**

R-phycocerythrin (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 acidic 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 10⁵ cells / test or 10⁸ platelets or 100 µL of whole blood.

**Notes:**

Do not fix samples before staining.

**SELECTED RESEARCH REFERENCES**


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