

## Product datasheet

# Anti-IL-6 antibody [EPR21711] ab233706

**KO VALIDATED** Recombinant RabMAb

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### Overview

<b>Product name</b>	Anti-IL-6 antibody [EPR21711]
<b>Description</b>	Rabbit monoclonal [EPR21711] to IL-6
<b>Host species</b>	Rabbit
<b>Tested applications</b>	<b>Suitable for:</b> WB, ICC/IF, Flow Cyt, IP
<b>Species reactivity</b>	<b>Reacts with:</b> Human
<b>Immunogen</b>	Recombinant fragment within Human IL-6 aa 1 to the C-terminus. The exact sequence is proprietary. Database link: <a href="#">P05231</a>
<b>Positive control</b>	WB: LPS/BFA-treated HUVEC whole cell lysate; Wild-type A549 IL-1 $\beta$ ( <a href="#">ab259387</a> ) (20 ng/ml, 24h) and Brefeldin A ( <a href="#">ab120299</a> )-treated (5 ug/ml for the last 4h) cell lysate ICC/IF: LPS/BFA-treated HUVEC cells. Flow Cytometry: LPS/BFA-treated HUVEC cells. IP: LPS/BFA-treated HUVEC whole cell lysate.
<b>General notes</b>	<p>This product is a recombinant monoclonal antibody, which offers several advantages including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High batch-to-batch consistency and reproducibility</li> <li>- Improved sensitivity and specificity</li> <li>- Long-term security of supply</li> <li>- Animal-free production</li> </ul> <p>For more information <a href="#">see here</a>.</p> <p>Our RabMAb<sup>®</sup> technology is a patented hybridoma-based technology for making rabbit monoclonal antibodies. For details on our patents, please refer to <a href="#">RabMAb<sup>®</sup> patents</a>.</p> <p>Reproducibility is key to advancing scientific discovery and accelerating scientists' next breakthrough.</p> <p>Abcam is leading the way with our range of recombinant antibodies, knockout-validated antibodies and knockout cell lines, all of which support improved reproducibility.</p> <p>We are also planning to innovate the way in which we present recommended applications and species on our product datasheets, so that only applications &amp; species that have been tested in our own labs, our suppliers or by selected trusted collaborators are covered by our Abpromise<sup>™</sup> guarantee.</p> <p>In preparation for this, we have started to update the applications &amp; species that this product is Abpromise guaranteed for.</p>

We are also updating the applications & species that this product has been “predicted to work with,” however this information is not covered by our Abpromise guarantee.

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## Properties

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<b>Form</b>	Liquid
<b>Storage instructions</b>	Shipped at 4°C. Store at +4°C short term (1-2 weeks). Upon delivery aliquot. Store at -20°C long term. Avoid freeze / thaw cycle.
<b>Storage buffer</b>	pH: 7.2 Preservative: 0.01% Sodium azide Constituents: PBS, 40% Glycerol, 0.05% BSA
<b>Purity</b>	Protein A purified
<b>Clonality</b>	Monoclonal
<b>Clone number</b>	EPR21711
<b>Isotype</b>	IgG

## Applications

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Our [Abpromise guarantee](#) covers the use of **ab233706** in the following tested applications.

The application notes include recommended starting dilutions; optimal dilutions/concentrations should be determined by the end user.

Application	Abreviews	Notes
WB		1/1000. Detects a band of approximately 21 kDa (predicted molecular weight: 23 kDa).
ICC/IF		1/50.
Flow Cyt		1/500.
IP		1/30.

## Target

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<b>Function</b>	Cytokine with a wide variety of biological functions. It is a potent inducer of the acute phase response. Plays an essential role in the final differentiation of B-cells into Ig-secreting cells Involved in lymphocyte and monocyte differentiation. It induces myeloma and plasmacytoma growth and induces nerve cells differentiation Acts on B-cells, T-cells, hepatocytes, hematopoietic progenitor cells and cells of the CNS. Also acts as a myokine. It is discharged into the bloodstream after muscle contraction and acts to increase the breakdown of fats and to improve
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insulin resistance.

## Involvement in disease

Genetic variations in IL6 are associated with susceptibility to rheumatoid arthritis systemic juvenile (RASJ) [MIM:604302]. An inflammatory articular disorder with systemic-onset beginning before the age of 16. It represents a subgroup of juvenile arthritis associated with severe extraarticular features and occasionally fatal complications. During active phases of the disorder, patients display a typical daily spiking fever, an evanescent macular rash, lymphadenopathy, hepatosplenomegaly, serositis, myalgia and arthritis.

Note=A IL6 promoter polymorphism is associated with a lifetime risk of development of Kaposi sarcoma in HIV-infected men.

## Sequence similarities

Belongs to the IL-6 superfamily.

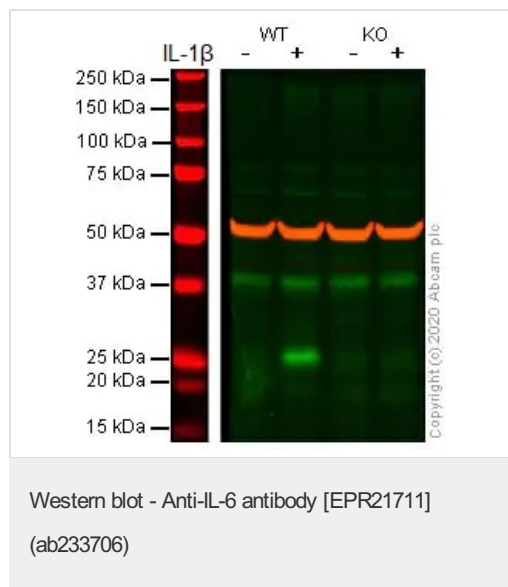
## Post-translational modifications

N- and O-glycosylated.

## Cellular localization

Secreted.

## Images



**All lanes :** Anti-IL-6 antibody [EPR21711] (ab233706) at 1/1000 dilution

**Lane 1 :** Wild-type A549 Brefeldin A (ab120299)-treated (5ug/ml, 4h) cell lysate

**Lane 2 :** Wild-type A549 IL-1 $\beta$  (ab259387) (20 ng/ml, 24h) and Brefeldin A (ab120299)-treated (5 ug/ml for the last 4h) cell lysate

**Lane 3 :** IL-6 knockout A549 Brefeldin A (ab120299)-treated (5ug/ml, 4h) cell lysate

**Lane 4 :** IL-6 knockout A549 IL-1 $\beta$  (ab259387) (20 ng/ml, 24h) and Brefeldin A (ab120299)-treated (5 ug/ml for the last 4h) cell lysate

Lysates/proteins at 30  $\mu$ g per lane.

Performed under reducing conditions.

**Predicted band size:** 23 kDa

**Observed band size:** 25 kDa

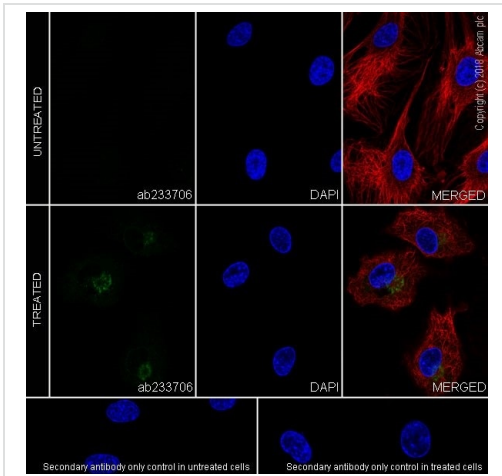
[why is the actual band size different from the predicted?](#)

**Additional bands at:** 40 kDa (possible non-specific binding)

**Lanes 1 - 4:** Merged signal (red and green). Green - ab233706 observed at 25 kDa. Red - loading control ab7291 (Mouse anti-Alpha Tubulin [DM1A]) observed at 55kDa.

ab233706 was shown to react with IL-6 in wild-type A549 cells in western blot with loss of signal observed in IL-6 knockout cell line

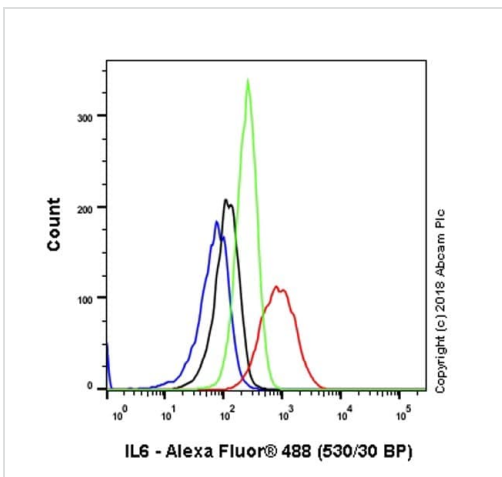
[ab273751](#) (knockout cell lysate [ab275501](#)). Wild-type and IL-6 knockout A549 cell lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE. Membranes were blocked in fluorescent western blot (TBS-based) blocking solution before incubation with [ab233706](#) and [ab7291](#) (Mouse anti-Alpha Tubulin [DM1A] overnight at 4°C at a 1 in 1000 Dilution and a 1 in 20000 dilution respectively. Blots were incubated with Goat anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (IRDye® 800CW) preabsorbed ([ab216773](#)) and Goat anti-Mouse IgG H&L (IRDye® 680RD) preabsorbed ([ab216776](#)) secondary antibodies at 1 in 20000 dilution for 1 hour at room temperature before imaging.



Immunocytochemistry/ Immunofluorescence - Anti-IL-6 antibody [EPR21711] ([ab233706](#))

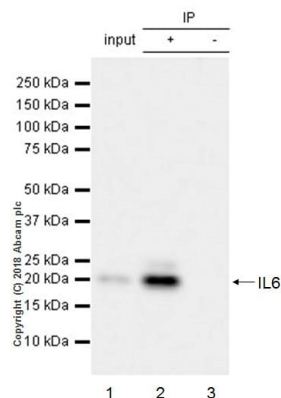
Immunofluorescent analysis of 4% paraformaldehyde-fixed, 0.1% Triton X-100 permeabilized HUVEC (human umbilical vein endothelial cell line) cells labeling IL6 with [ab233706](#) at 1/50 dilution, followed by Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor® 488) ([ab150077](#)) secondary antibody at 1/1000 dilution (green). Confocal image showing cytoplasmic staining in HUVEC cells treated with lipopolysaccharide (0.5 µg/ml) for 24h and Brefeldin A (300 ng/ml) for 20h. The nuclear counterstain is DAPI (blue). Tubulin is detected with Anti-alpha Tubulin antibody [DM1A] - Microtubule Marker (Alexa Fluor® 594) ([ab195889](#)) at 1/200 dilution (red).

Secondary antibody only control: Used PBS instead of primary antibody, secondary antibody is Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor® 488) ([ab150077](#)) secondary antibody at 1/1000 dilution.



Flow Cytometry - Anti-IL-6 antibody [EPR21711] ([ab233706](#))

Flow cytometric analysis of 4% paraformaldehyde-fixed, 90% methanol-permeabilized HUVEC (human umbilical vein endothelial cell line) treated with lipopolysaccharide (0.5 µg/ml) for 24h and Brefeldin A (300 ng/ml) for 20h (red) / untreated control (green) cells labeling IL6 with [ab233706](#) at 1/500 compared with a Rabbit monoclonal IgG ([ab172730](#)) (black) and an unlabeled control (cells without incubation with primary antibody and secondary antibody) (blue). Goat anti rabbit IgG (Alexa Fluor® 488, [ab150077](#)), at 1/2000 dilution was used as the secondary antibody.



Immunoprecipitation - Anti-IL-6 antibody [EPR21711] (ab233706)

IL6 was immunoprecipitated from 0.35 mg HUVEC (human umbilical vein endothelial cell line) treated with lipopolysaccharide (0.5 µg/ml) for 24h and Brefeldin A (300 ng/ml) for 20h, whole cell lysate with ab233706 at 1/30 dilution. Western blot was performed from the immunoprecipitate using ab233706 at 1/1000 dilution. VeriBlot for IP Detection Reagent (HRP) (ab131366), was used for detection at 1/10000 dilution.

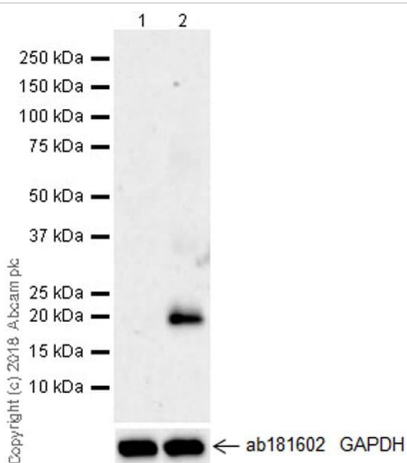
**Lane 1:** HUVEC treated with lipopolysaccharide (0.5 µg/ml) for 24h and Brefeldin A (300 ng/ml) for 20h, whole cell lysate 10 µg (Input).

**Lane 2:** ab233706 IP in HUVEC treated with lipopolysaccharide (0.5 µg/ml) for 24h and Brefeldin A (300 ng/ml) for 20h, whole cell lysate.

**Lane 3:** Rabbit monoclonal IgG (ab172730) instead of ab233706 in HUVEC treated with lipopolysaccharide (0.5 µg/ml) for 24h and Brefeldin A (300 ng/ml) for 20h, whole cell lysate.

**Blocking and dilution buffer and concentration:** 5% NFDm/TBST.

**Exposure time:** 5 seconds.



Western blot - Anti-IL-6 antibody [EPR21711] (ab233706)

**All lanes :** Anti-IL-6 antibody [EPR21711] (ab233706) at 1/1000 dilution

**Lane 1 :** Untreated HUVEC (human umbilical vein endothelial cell line) whole cell lysate

**Lane 2 :** HUVEC treated with 0.5 µg/ml lipopolysaccharides (LPS) for 24 hours, added 300 ng/ml BFA last 20 hours, whole cell lysate

Lysates/proteins at 10 µg per lane.

### Secondary

**All lanes :** Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (HRP) (ab97051) at 1/100000 dilution

Developed using the ECL technique.

**Predicted band size:** 23 kDa

**Observed band size:** 21 kDa [why is the actual band size different from the predicted?](#)

**Exposure time:** 3 minutes

Blocking/ Dilution buffer and concentration: 5% NFD/MTBST.

The molecular mass observed is consistent with what has been described in the literature (PMID: 2523818, PMID: 2783321).

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