



Catalog Number: 10119-RP01

General Information	
<b>Immunogen:</b>	Recombinant Human IL18 / IL-18 protein (Catalog#10119-H09E)
<b>Ig Type:</b>	Rabbit IgG
<b>Applications:</b>	ELISA
<b>Specificity:</b>	Human IL18 / IL-18
<b>Formulation:</b>	0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS
<b>Storage:</b>	< -20°C

## Preparation

Produced in rabbits immunized with purified, recombinant Human IL18 / IL-18 (rh IL18; Catalog#10119-H09E; Q14116; Met1-Asp193). Total IgG was purified by Protein A affinity chromatography.

## Applications

**ELISA** – This antibody can be used at 0.5-1.0 µg/mL with the appropriate secondary reagents to detect Human IL18 / IL-18. The detection limit for Human IL18 / IL-18 is

## Specificity

Human IL18 / IL-18

## Storage

This antibody can be stored at 2°C-8°C for one month without detectable loss of activity. Antibody products are stable for twelve months from date of receipt when stored at -20°C to -80°C. **Preservative-Free.**

Sodium azide is recommended to avoid contamination (final concentration 0.05%-0.1%). It is toxic to cells and should be disposed of properly. **Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.**

## Background

Interleukin-18 (IL-18, also known as interferon-gamma inducing factor) is a proinflammatory cytokine that belongs to the IL-1 superfamily and is produced by macrophages and other cells. This cytokine can induce the IFN-gamma production of T cells. The combination of IL-18 and IL12 has been shown to inhibit IL4 dependent IgE and IgG1 production, and enhance IgG2a production of B cells. IL-18 binding protein (IL18BP) can specifically interact with this cytokine, and thus negatively regulate its biological activity. IL-18 is an IL-1-like cytokine that requires cleavage with caspase-1 to become active, was found to increase IgE production in a CD4+ T cells-, IL-4- and STAT6-dependent fashion. IL-18 and T cell receptor-mediated stimulation could induce naïve CD4+ T cells to develop into IL-4-producing cells in vitro. Thus, caspase-1 and IL-18 may be critical in regulation of IgE production in vivo, providing a potential therapeutic target for allergic disorders. IL-18 production in primary synovial cultures and purified synovial fibroblasts was, in turn, upregulated by TNF-α and IL-1β, suggesting that monokine expression can feed back to promote Th1 cell development in synovial membrane. Besides, synergistic combinations of IL-18, IL-12, and IL-15 may be of importance in sustaining both Th1 responses and monokine production in RA.

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