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## MHC Class II (I-A/I-E) (M5/114.15.2) Rat mAb (FITC Conjugate)

**For Research Use Only. Not for Use in Diagnostic Procedures.**

Applications:	Reactivity:	Sensitivity:	Source/Isotype:	UniProt ID:	Entrez-Gene Id:
IF-F, FC-FP, FC-L	M	Endogenous	Rat IgG2b kappa	#P18468, #P06342, #Q3U060, #P14435	14969, 14961, 381091, 14960

### Product Usage Information

For optimal flow cytometry results, we recommend 0.25 µg of antibody per test.

#### Application

 Immunofluorescence (Frozen)  
Flow Cytometry (Fixed/Permeabilized)  
Flow Cytometry (Live)

#### Dilution

 1:200 - 1:800  
1:200  
1:200

### Storage

 Supplied in 10 mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 150 mM NaCl, 0.09% NaN<sub>3</sub>, 0.1% gelatin, pH 7.2. This product is stable for 12 months when stored at 4°C. Do not aliquot the antibody. Protect from light. Do not freeze.

### Specificity/Sensitivity

MHC Class II (I-A/I-E) (M5/114.15.2) Rat mAb (FITC Conjugate) recognizes endogenous levels of total MHC class II (I-A/I-E) proteins. This antibody detects epitopes within the extracellular domain of MHC class II (I-A/I-E).

### Source / Purification

This monoclonal antibody was purified from tissue culture supernatant via affinity chromatography. The purified antibody was conjugated under optimal conditions, with unreacted dye removed from the preparation.

### Description

This Cell Signaling Technology antibody is conjugated to FITC and tested in-house for direct flow cytometric analysis in mouse cells.

### Background

Major histocompatibility complex class II (MHC class II) molecules are heterodimeric, transmembrane glycoproteins expressed on the surface of antigen-presenting cells, such as macrophages, dendritic cells, and B cells. Expression can also be induced on other cell types through interferon-γ signaling (1). Prior to being displayed on the cell membrane, MHC class II molecules are loaded with exogenous peptide antigens approximately 15-24 amino acids in length that were derived from endocytosed extracellular proteins digested in the lysosome (2). Antigen-presentation through MHC class II is required for T cell activation during the immune response to extracellular pathogens (2). In humans, the MHC class II protein complex is encoded by the human leukocyte antigen gene complex (HLA). HLAs corresponding to MHC class II are HLA-DP, HLA-DM, HLA-DOA, HLA-DOB, HLA-DQ, and HLA-DR (3).

The M5/114.15.2 antibody reacts with mouse MHC class II, both I-A and I-E subregion-encoded glycoproteins (I-Ab, I-Ad, I-Aq, I-Ed, I-Ek, not I-Af, I-Ak, or I-As). It detects a polymorphic determinant present on B cells, monocytes, macrophages, dendritic cells, and activated T lymphocytes from mice carrying the H-2b, H-2d, H-2q, H-2p, H-2r and H-2u haplotypes, but not from mice carrying the H-2s or H-2f haplotypes (4-7). The M5/114 mAb is reported to inhibit I-A-restricted T cell responses of the H-2b, H-2d, H-2q, and H-2u haplotypes, but not H-2f, H-2k, or H-2s haplotypes (8,9).

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### Species Reactivity

Species reactivity is determined by testing in at least one approved application (e.g., western blot).

### Applications Key

**IF-F:** Immunofluorescence (Frozen) **FC-FP:** Flow Cytometry (Fixed/Permeabilized) **FC-L:** Flow Cytometry (Live)

**Cross-Reactivity Key**

**M:** Mouse

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