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## Monoclonal Antibody To Mouse MHC Class II

Monoclonal antibody ER-TR2 is one member of a family of monoclonal antibodies (ER-TR3, ER-TR2, ER-TR1) which detect MHC class II antigens encoded by the murine Ia region of the H-2 complex. They are valuable tools for studying T helper cell interaction with class II positive antigen presenting cells (dendritic cells, B-cells, macrophages). These antibodies also offer new possibilities for studying the development of T helper cells since they also stain stromal cells in the thymus.

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**Product number: T-2107**

**Clone: ER-TR2**

**Lot: 04PO1310**

### TECHNICAL AND ANALYTICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

**Host species, isotype:** Rat IgG2b

**Quantity:** 100µg

**Format:** Affinity purified, lyophilized  
Reconstitute by adding 0.5ml distilled water. This stock solution contains 0.2mg/ml IgG, phosphate buffered saline pH 7.2 (PBS), 5mg/ml bovine serum albumin (BSA) as a stabilizer and 0.05% (v/v) Kathon CG as a preservative.

**Stability:** Original vial: 1 year at 4° - 8°C. Stock solution or aliquots thereof: 1 year at -20°C. Avoid repeated thawing and freezing.

**Applications:** Tested for immunohistochemistry (IHC); has been described to work in FACS.

**Approximate working dilution for IHC:**

Frozen sections: 1µg/ml (1:200)

Paraffin sections: does not react on routinely processed paraffin sections.

Optimal dilutions should be determined by the end user.

Suggested positive control: Mouse spleen.

Please see [www.bma.ch](http://www.bma.ch) for protocols and general information.

**Immunogen:** Murine thymic reticulum.

**Antigen, epitope:** MHC Class II antigens are heterodimers consisting of one  $\alpha$ -chain (31-34kDa) and one  $\beta$ -chain (26-29kDa). The epitope recognized by ER-TR2 has not been further characterized.

**Antigen distribution**

**Isolated cells:** The antigen is found on dendritic cells, B-cells and macrophages. The level of antigen detected by ER-TR1, ER-TR2 and ER-TR3 differs from strain to strain (see table below).

**Tissue Sections:** The antigen is found on B-cells, interdigitating cells and macrophages in peripheral lymphoid organs but is absent from T-cells. It is also expressed as a fine reticular pattern on stromal thymic cells of the cortex and as a confluent pattern on stromal thymic cells of the medulla.

**Distribution of ER-TR1, ER-TR2 and ER-TR3 among mouse strains with independent and recombinant haplotypes\***

Strain	Haplotype							Clone		
	K	A	B	J	E	C	D	ER-TR1	ER-TR2	ER-TR3
C3H/HeJ	k	k	k	k	k	k	k	48*	46	46
AKR	k	k	k	k	k	k	k	54	52	54
B10.BR	k	k	k	k	k	k	k	59	58	62
B10.ScSn	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	4	5	50
Balb/b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	4	3	39
B10.D2/n	d	d	d	d	d	d	d	56	5	54
Balb/c	d	d	d	d	d	d	d	45	3	44
DBA/2	d	d	d	d	d	d	d	27	4	47
B10.G	q	q	q	q	q	q	q	53	4	46
DBA/1	q	q	q	q	q	q	q	52	6	54
SWR/J	q	q	q	q	q	q	q	49	3	49
A.SW	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	4	20	6
B10.M	f	f	f	f	f	f	f	4	5	3
B10.RIII	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	39	39	40
B10.AQR	q	k	k	k	k	d	d	52	52	51
B10.T(6R)	q	q	q	q	q	q	d	50	3	52
A.TL	s	k	k	k	k	k	d	29	52	51
A.TH	s	s	s	s	s	s	d	5	49	7

\* Percentage of labelled cells, determined by FACS analysis of spleen cell suspensions

**Specificity:**

**Mouse:** cells expressing MHC class II antigens

**Other species:** negative on human, others not tested.

**Selected references**

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For *in vitro* research only. This product contains Kathon CG as a preservative.