## **Monoclonal Antibody K2**

Description	K2 monoclonal antibody (mAb), mouse, IgM, kappa chain
Lot Nr.	K2-0801
Concentration	Undiluted hybridoma supernatant
Supply	We only supply this antibody in the form of frozen supernatant in RPMI, 5% FCS culture medium
Specificity	The mAb K2 recognises double-stranded RNA (dsRNA) provided that the length of the helix is greater than or equal to 40 bp dsRNA. Recognition is independent of the sequence and nucleotide composition of the antigen. All naturally occurring dsRNAs investigated up to now (40-50 species) as well as poly(I)·poly(C) and poly(A)·poly(U) have been recognised by K2. As described by Schönborn et al. K2 binds with high avidity to all dsRNAs, investigated.
Applications	mAb K2 is primarily used for a sandwich ELISA to detect and quantitate (after calibration) dsRNA (see Schönborn et al.). For this application it should be diluted 1:2 with PBS.
	It may also be advantageous to use K2 for immunofluorescence studies.
	Not for use for clinical purposes. For in vitro use only.
Stability and storage	
	After delivery antibodies should be aliquoted and stored at -70 °C.
	After adding 10 mM sodium azide undiluted antibody can also be stored at +4 °C for a short period of time. For long term storage the mAb should be kept frozen. Repeated freezing/thawing cycles should be avoided.
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