ANTIBODY RESOURCE

ANTIBODY TESTING REPORT

SUMMARY

Antigen: IL6 (Uniprot# P05231)

Method tested: Western Blotting

Laboratory ID: LAB07

Project ID: AR118

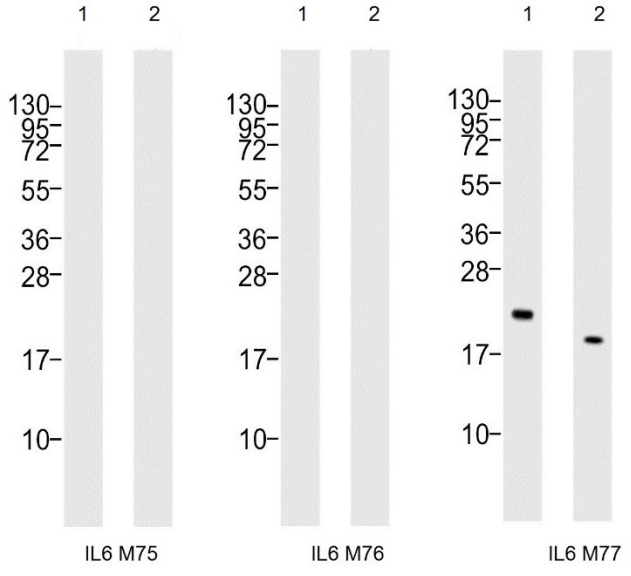
BACKGROUND

With thousands of proteins and often hundreds of associated antibodies, the selection of a specific antibody can be both time-consuming and expensive. Antibody Resource is spearheading a unique initiative designed to compare antibodies from numerous suppliers using identical samples/tissues and an identical protocol. In doing so, we hope to enable scientists to form an unrivalled opinion of which is the most suitable antibody for their research and in particular, which is going to require the least amount of optimisation, a process which can often take weeks or months.

For the purposes of the antibody comparison initiative, we select the best antibodies from each manufacturer and then compare them side-by-side using the same experimental conditions to provide a direct comparison. The antibodies are collected centrally, repackaged and given an internal reference ID prior to delivery to independent laboratories to ensure objective testing and to minimise bias.

Disclaimers: There is a possibility that results may vary between antibody lots. The results are indicative of the experimental conditions described within. Variations to this protocol may give alternative results.

RESULTS



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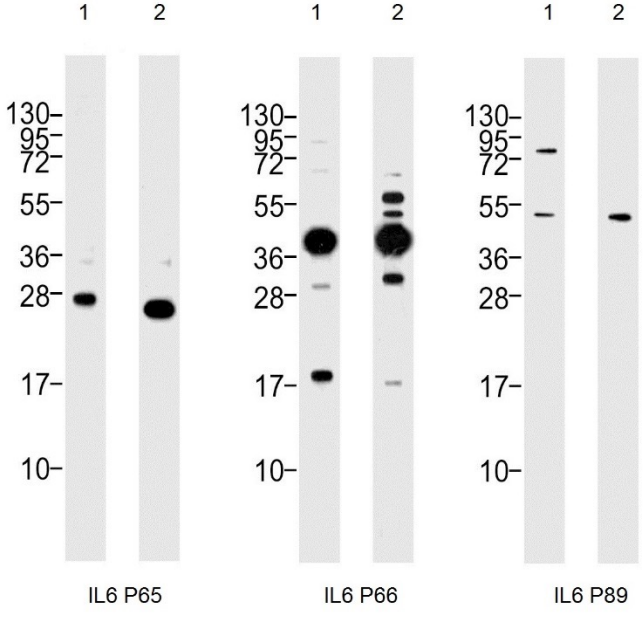

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METHOD

Antibodies

	Primary antibody	Secondary antibody
	IL6 M75 at 1/1000 (Supplier 05)	Anti-Mouse IgG (Fc specific)–Peroxidase antibody produced in goat (Sigma, Cat no. A0168) at 1/10,000
	IL6 M76 at 1/1000 (Supplier 05)	Anti-Mouse IgG (Fc specific)–Peroxidase antibody produced in goat (Sigma, Cat no. A0168) at 1/10,000
	IL6 M77 at 1/1000 (Fitzgerald)	Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Cross Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, HRP conjugate (Thermo Scientific Pierce, Cat no. 31462) at 1/10,000
	IL6 P65 at 1/1000 (St John's Laboratory)	Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Cross Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, HRP conjugate (Thermo Scientific Pierce, Cat no. 31462) at 1/10,000
	IL6 P66 at 1/1000 (Boster)	Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L) Cross Adsorbed Secondary Antibody, HRP conjugate (Thermo Scientific Pierce, Cat no. 31462) at 1/10,000
	IL6 P89 at 1/1000 (R & D Systems)	Peroxidase AffiniPure Bovine Anti-Goat IgG (H+L) (Jackson ImmunoResearch Labs Inc., Cat no. 805-035-180) at 1/10,000

= Component of the IL6 Superstarter Antibody Panel. See end of report for details.

Samples

Sample	Description
MW markers (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Cat no. 26619)	MW markers at 10, 17, 28, 36, 55, 72, 95, 130 and 250kDa.
HeLa (Human epithelial cells from cervix adenocarcinoma) whole cell lysate at 20 µg/lane	Lane 1 - Test
A549 (Human epithelial cells from lung carcinoma) whole cell lysate at 20 µg/lane	Lane 2 - Test

Detection Kit

Clarity™ Western ECL Blotting Substrate (Bio-rad, Cat no: 170-5061, Lot number: 102030607).

PROTOCOL

Western Blotting was performed using Invitrogen's Novex® XCell SureLock® Mini-Cell electrophoresis system followed by semi dry transfer onto PVDF membranes using Bio-Rad's Trans-Blot® SD Semi-Dry Transfer Cell and visualized using X-ray film as follows:-

1. Samples (see table above) were incubated with 1X SDS Sample Buffer containing 2% SDS and 100mM DTT at 95^{o}C for 5 minutes prior to loading.
2. The samples were then loaded and resolved on a 15% SDS-polyacrylamide gel (see table above for amount protein per lane).
3. Proteins were transferred onto PVDF membrane by semi dry transfer and confirmed by amido black staining.
4. The immunoblot membrane was blocked in Tris buffered saline (TBS) containing Tween-20 (TBST) and 5% non-fat dry milk powder (blocking buffer) for 2 hours at room temperature with gentle agitation and then washed for 5 minutes in TBST.
5. The membrane was then immersed with the protein side up in the primary antibody solution (for details see table above) diluted in blocking buffer overnight at 4^{o}C with gentle agitation.
6. Following two washes for 5 minutes each and one wash for 10 minutes at room temperature with TBST, the membrane was incubated in the secondary antibody (for details see table above) diluted in blocking buffer for 1 hour at room temperature with gentle agitation.
7. The membrane was then washed three times for 5 minutes and then 8 minutes with TBST at room temperature.
8. After draining away excess TBST, signals were detected with the detection kit detailed above, the blots exposed on X-ray film and the final images obtained using using PS software.

EXPERIMENTAL NOTES

Under these experimental conditions, IL6 M77 detected a band at the expected MW (~24kDa) in the HeLa cell lysate and an immunoreactive band at a slightly lower MW in the A549 cells whilst bands at the expected MW were not observed for either cell lysate using either IL6 M75 or IL6 M76.

IL6 P65, IL6 P66 and IL6 P89 demonstrated immunoreactivity with bands in both Human cell lines. These bands may represent isoforms or bound forms of IL6 or they may be non-specific background as the banding pattern varied depending on the antibody used and were inconsistent with the expected MW.

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-1x MAB406 R&D Systems (high ratings)
-1x sc-1265 Santa Cruz Biotechnology (star performer)
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