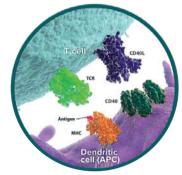


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CD40 – CD40L Signaling Pathway

The CD40-CD40L (CD154) signaling pathway is a pivotal regulator of adaptive immunity, bridging innate and adaptive responses. CD40, a member of the TNF receptor superfamily, is expressed on antigen-presenting cells (APCs) such as dendritic cells, macrophages and B cells, while its ligand CD40L is transiently expressed on activated CD4+T cells. Engagement of CD40 by CD40L drives a cascade of immune-activating events. In dendritic cells and macrophages, CD40 signaling enhances antigen presentation, cytokine secretion and upregulation of costimulatory molecules. In B cells, CD40-CD40L interactions promote germinal center formation, isotype switching and the generation of long-lived plasma cells and memory B cells. Interaction between CD40-CD40L stimulates cytokines secretion of B cells with subsequent T cell activation and antitumor immunity.



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Highly Sensitive ELISA Assay & Validated Proteins/Antibodies

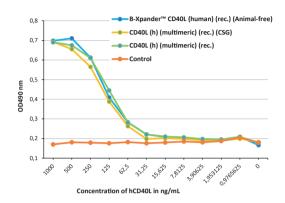
| ASSAYS | PID | SIZE | SENSITIVITY | RANGE | SPECIES |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| CD40L (human) ELISA Kit | AG-45B-0018 | 96 wells | 20 pg/ml | 0.03125 to 2 ng/ml | Hu |
| PROTEINS | PID | SIZE | SOURCE | ENDOTOXIN | SPECIES |
| CD40 (human):Fc (human) (rec.) | AG-40B-0083 | 50 μg 3 x 50 μg | HEK 293 cells | <0.01EU/μg | Hu, Ms |
| CD40 (human):Fc (human) (rec.) | CHI-HF-210CD40 | 100 μg | CHO cells | <0.06EU/μg | Hu |
| CD40 (human)-mulg Fusion Protein | ANC-504-020 | 25 μg | CHO cells | n.d. | Hu |
| CD40L (human) (multimeric) (rec.) | AG-40B-0010 | 10 μg 3 x 10 μg | CHO cells | <0.01EU/μg | Hu |
| CD40L (human) (multimeric) (rec.) (CSG) | AG-40B-0010CSG | 100 μg | CHO cells | <0.01EU/μg | Hu |
| B-Xpander™ CD40L (human) (multimeric) (rec.) | AG-40B-0010AF | 10 μg 100 μg | CHO cells | <0.01EU/μg | Hu |
| CD40L (human):Fc (human) (rec.) | CHI-HF-210CD40L | 50 μg | CHO cells | <0.06EU/μg | Hu |
| CD40L (human)-muCD8 Fusion Protein | ANC-505-020 | 25 μg | CHO cells | n.d. | Hu |
| CD40L (mouse) (multimeric) (rec.) | AG-40B-0020 | 10 μg 3 x 10 μg | CHO cells | <0.01EU/μg | Hu, Ms |
| CD40L (rat) (multimeric) (rec.) | AG-40B-0107 | 10 μg 3 x 10 μg | CHO cells | <0.02EU/μg | Hu, Ms, Rt |
| ANTIBODIES | PID | SIZE | ISOTYPE | APPLICATION | SPECIES |
| anti-CD40 (human), mAb (BE-1) | ANC-189-020 | 100 μg | Mouse IgG1 | FACS, FUNC, IP | Hu |
| anti-CD40 (human), mAb (EA-5) | ANC-300-020 | 100 μg | Mouse IgG1 | FACS, FUNC | Hu, Rt |
| anti-CD40L (human), mAb (rec.) (blocking) (hu5c8) (PF) | AG-27B-6002PF | 100 μg | Human lgG1κ | FUNC, WB | Hu, Dog |
| anti-CD40L (human), mAb (24-31) | ANC-353-020 | 100 μg | Mouse IgG1 | FACS, FUNC, IHC, WB | Hu, Primate |
| anti-CD40 (mouse), mAb (FGK45) (PF) | AG-20B-0036PF | 100 μg 500 μg 5 mg | Rat IgG2a | FACS, FUNC | Ms |

B-Xpander™ - Unleash the Power of B Cell Expansion

CD40 activation tools can be used to expand B cells which, as antigen-presenting cells (APCs), are as effective as dendritic cells to streamline the generation of antitumor CD8+ T cells. Several studies show that usage of the agonistic anti-CD40 antibodies or MultimericCD40L proteins (e.g. B-Xpander™) are strong stimulators of antitumor immunity. Interest in B cells has recently increased in Immunotherapies using Engineered B cells or Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes (TILs). Our B-Xpander™ protein improves current protocols for B cell stimulation by mimicking the natural interaction between CD40L and CD40 molecules on B cells. B-Xpander™ is a potent enhanced Multimeric human CD40L cytokine, for B cell activation, B cell expansion (proliferation) and cell therapy applications.

Potent B Cell Expansion (Proliferation)

FIGURE: B-Xpander™ increases proliferation of human primary CD19+ B cells as efficiently as other grades of Multimeric human CD40L. Unlike most recombinant CD40L proteins on the market, our B-Xpander™ and Multimeric CD40L proteins do not need an enhancer (antibody) to multimerize and to be active.



B-Xpander™ and Multimeric human CD40L Grades for your experiments

| MULTIMERIC PROTEINS | PID | APPLICATIONS |
|--|----------------|--|
| B-Xpander™ CD40L (human) (multimeric) (rec.) | AG-40B-0010AF | Produced using animal component-free medium in characterized and certified CHO cells (<i>Ex vivo</i> / Cell Therapy). |
| CD40L (human) (multimeric) (rec.) (CSG) | AG-40B-0010CSG | Produced using certified serum/medium in CHO cells for traceability (<i>Ex vivo</i> / Cell Therapy or Research Use). |
| CD40L (human) (multimeric) (rec.) | AG-40B-0010 | Produced using standard serum/medium in CHO cells (RUO). |

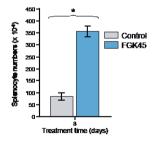
Potent Antibody-based B Cell Stimulation

Widely used stimulatory monoclonal antibody to CD40 which activates B and NK cells *in vivo* and *in vitro*. This antibody has shown to indirectly activate natural killer (NK) cells, producing significant antitumor and antimetastatic effects. It is effective in boosting immune responses against infectious agents and can potentially be used to treat chronic autoimmune inflammatory processes.

anti-CD40 (mouse), mAb (FGK45)

AG-20B-0036 AG-20B-0036PF Preservative Free 100 μg | 500 μg 100 μg | 500 μg | 5 mg

FIGURE: Systemic immune activation by CD40 ligation. Mice were sacrificed on day 8 after daily treatment on day 4-7 with FGK45 or control. FGK45 treatment elevated splenocyte numbers in both groups. *P < 0.005. Data represent mean \pm SD for three to four mice per group.





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