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Highlights:

- A mAb against equine IL-2 was developed
- IL-2 is mainly produced by equine CD4⁺ and also few CD8⁺ equine lymphocytes
- A sensitive fluorescent bead assay was generated for quantification of equine IL-2
- PMA and ionomycin most effectively induce IL-2 production in equine PBMC

Abstract

Interleukin-2 (IL-2) is a T cell growth factor and major modulator of T helper (Th) cell

differentiation. Here, we have developed and characterized a monoclonal antibody to equine IL-2

(anti-IL-2 mAb, clone 158-1). The IL-2 mAb detected rIL-2 by ELISA, intracellular staining and

flow cytometry analysis and Western blotting. The IL-2 mAb was also paired with a polyclonal

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