

# Product Information Sheet for MRA-661

## Hybridoma 17.4 Anti-*Plasmodium berghei* Erythrocyte Membrane Protein Pb(em)-46

Catalog No. MRA-661

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### Product Description:

The murine hybridoma cell line, 17.4, was generated by the fusion of X63Ag8.653 mouse myeloma cells with splenocytes from mice immunized with purified *Plasmodium berghei* (*P. berghei*) erythrocyte membrane protein, Pb(em)-46. Pb(em)-46 is a 46-kDa phosphoprotein associated with the submembrane cytoskeleton of *P. berghei*-infected erythrocytes.<sup>1,2</sup> The original hybridoma was described as 17.2; hybridoma 17.4 produces a monoclonal antibody of the same specificity, but has better growth characteristics.<sup>1</sup>

### Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of hybridoma cells in cell culture medium supplemented with 10% dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) at a concentration of 10<sup>7</sup> cells per mL. Please see Appendix I for media preparation. Sufficient cells are provided to initiate at least one new culture.

### Packaging/Storage:

This product was packaged aseptically in cryovials. It should be stored at -100°C or colder, preferably in the vapor phase of a liquid nitrogen freezer. Storage at -70°C will result in loss of viability. To insure the highest level of viability, the vial should be thawed and the culture initiated as soon as possible upon receipt. Any warming of the product during shipping and transfer must be avoided, as this will adversely affect the viability of the product after thawing. For transfer between freezers and shipping, the cells may be placed on dry ice for brief periods, although use of a portable liquid nitrogen carrier is preferred. Please read the following recommendations prior to reconstituting this material.

### Functional Activity:

Hybridoma 17.4 produces monoclonal antibody of IgG1 subclass that specifically recognizes an approximately 46-kDa phosphoprotein found on the *P. berghei*-infected erythrocyte membrane.<sup>1</sup> The antibody is reported to function in immunoblotting and immunofluorescence assays.<sup>1,2</sup>

### Safety Precautions:

When handling frozen vials it is highly recommended that protective gloves, lab coat and full face mask be worn. Even

brief exposure to the ultra-cold temperature can cause tissue damage from frostbite. Also, some vials may slowly fill with liquid nitrogen if they have been immersed during cryogenic storage. When thawing, the liquid nitrogen may rapidly expand as it changes to gas, breaking the vial or cap with explosive force, sending debris flying with enough velocity to cause injury. Store and use in areas with adequate ventilation.

### Subcultivation Procedure:

Prior to thawing the hybridoma cells, prepare cell culture medium according to Appendix I. Thaw one vial in a 37°C water bath and transfer the contents into a 25 cm cell culture flask with 10 mL of cell culture medium. Keep the flask loosely capped in a 37°C incubator with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Split the cells twice a week approximately.

### Citation:

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**APPENDIX I: MEDIA PREPARATION****Cell Culture Medium**

Advanced RPMI 1640 medium (Gibco™ 12633; 1×)

Supplemented with:

Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS, hybridoma-tested; 10%)

L-glutamine (4 mM)

Gentamicin (optional; 50 µg per mL)

**Freezing Medium**

Cell culture medium (as above)

10% DMSO

Freeze at 10<sup>7</sup> cells per mL