

Product datasheet for **BM1004**

Aspergillus Mouse Monoclonal Antibody [Clone ID: 343/31]

Product data:

Product Type:	Primary Antibodies
Clone Name:	343/31
Applications:	ELISA, IF
Recommended Dilution:	ELISA. Immunofluorescence.
Reactivity:	Aspergillus
Host:	Mouse
Isotype:	IgM
Clonality:	Monoclonal
Immunogen:	Native Aspergillus
Specificity:	This antibody is specific for Aspergillus spp.
Formulation:	PBS containing 0.09% Sodium Azide State: Ig Fraction State: Liquid IgM fraction
Concentration:	lot specific
Purification:	Ammonium sulphate fractionation
Conjugation:	Unconjugated
Storage:	Store the antibody undiluted at 2-8°C. DO NOT FREEZE!
Stability:	Shelf life: one year from despatch.



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Background:

The genus *Aspergillus* includes over 185 species. Around 20 species have been reported as causative agents of opportunistic infections in humans. Among these, *Aspergillus fumigatus* is the most commonly isolated species, followed by *Aspergillus flavus*. *Aspergillus fumigatus* is the major cause of aspergillosis. This organism causes both invasive and allergic aspergillosis. *Aspergillus* also produce fungal toxins called mycotoxins. Aflatoxin is produced by *Aspergillus flavus* as it grows on corn and peanuts. The toxin is poisonous to humans by ingestion and causes liver disease. *Aspergillus nidulans* can produce the mycotoxin sterigmatocystin. This toxin has been shown to produce liver and kidney damage in lab animals. *Aspergillus ochraceus*, found in grains, soil and salted food products can produce a kidney toxin called ochratoxin A, which may produce ochratoxicosis in humans. Ochratoxin may also be produced by other *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium* species. Other toxins that can be produced by this fungus include penicillic acid, xanthomegnin and viomellein. *Aspergillus* infections have a very high mortality rate. Their incidence is growing because of the increased number of immunocompromised patients. Previous to antibodies such as these, special stains were used to identify *Aspergillus*.