

**DESCRIPTION**

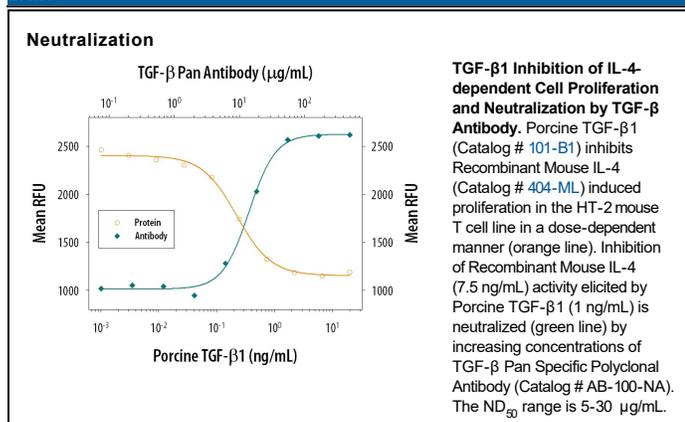
<b>Specificity</b>	Detects TGF- $\beta$ 1, TGF- $\beta$ 1.2, TGF- $\beta$ 2, TGF- $\beta$ 3, and TGF- $\beta$ 5 in direct ELISAs and Western blots.
<b>Source</b>	Polyclonal Rabbit IgG
<b>Purification</b>	Protein A or G purified
<b>Immunogen</b>	Recombinant human TGF- $\beta$ 1, porcine platelet-derived TGF- $\beta$ 1.2, porcine platelet-derived TGF- $\beta$ 2, and recombinant amphibian TGF- $\beta$ 5
<b>Endotoxin Level</b>	<0.10 EU per 1 $\mu$ g of the antibody by the LAL method.
<b>Formulation</b>	Lyophilized from a 0.2 $\mu$ m filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

**APPLICATIONS**

**Please Note:** Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application. *General Protocols* are available in the *Technical Information* section on our website.

	<b>Recommended Concentration</b>	<b>Sample</b>
<b>Western Blot</b>	1 $\mu$ g/mL	Recombinant Human TGF- $\beta$ 1 (Catalog # 240-B) Recombinant Human TGF- $\beta$ 2 (Catalog # 302-B2) Recombinant Human TGF- $\beta$ 1.2 (Catalog # 304-B3) Recombinant Human TGF- $\beta$ 3 (Catalog # 243-B3) Recombinant Amphibian TGF- $\beta$ 5 (Catalog # 245-B5) under non-reducing conditions only
<b>Neutralization</b>		Measured by its ability to neutralize TGF- $\beta$ 1 inhibition of IL-4-dependent proliferation in the HT-2 mouse T cell line. Tsang, M. <i>et al.</i> (1995) Cytokine 7:389. The Neutralization Dose (ND <sub>50</sub> ) is approximately 1 $\mu$ g/mL, 15 $\mu$ g/mL, 4 $\mu$ g/mL, and 1 $\mu$ g/mL for Porcine TGF- $\beta$ 1.2, Porcine TGF- $\beta$ 2, Recombinant Chicken TGF- $\beta$ 3, and Recombinant Amphibian TGF- $\beta$ 5, respectively. The ND <sub>50</sub> range for Porcine TGF- $\beta$ 1 is 5-30 $\mu$ g/mL.

**DATA**



**PREPARATION AND STORAGE**

<b>Reconstitution</b>	Reconstitute at 1 mg/mL in sterile PBS.
<b>Shipping</b>	The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.
<b>Stability &amp; Storage</b>	<b>Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.</li> <li>• 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.</li> <li>• 6 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.</li> </ul>

**BACKGROUND**

TGF- $\beta$ 1 (transforming growth factor beta 1) is one of three closely related mammalian members of the large TGF- $\beta$  superfamily that share a characteristic cystine knot structure. TGF- $\beta$ 1, -2 and -3 are highly pleiotropic cytokines that are proposed to act as cellular switches that regulate processes such as immune function, proliferation and epithelial-mesenchymal transition. Each TGF- $\beta$  isoform has some non-redundant functions; for TGF- $\beta$ 1, mice with targeted deletion show defects in hematopoiesis and endothelial differentiation, and die of overwhelming inflammation. Human TGF- $\beta$ 1 cDNA encodes a 390 amino acid (aa) precursor that contains a 29 aa signal peptide and a 361 aa proprotein. A furin-like convertase processes the proprotein to generate an N-terminal 249 aa latency-associated peptide (LAP) and a C-terminal 112 aa mature TGF- $\beta$ 1. Disulfide-linked homodimers of LAP and TGF- $\beta$ 1 remain non-covalently associated after secretion, forming the small latent TGF- $\beta$ 1 complex. Covalent linkage of LAP to one of three latent TGF- $\beta$  binding proteins (LTBPs) creates a large latent complex that may interact with the extracellular matrix. TGF- $\beta$  is activated from latency by pathways that include actions of the protease plasmin, matrix metalloproteases, thrombospondin 1 and a subset of integrins. Mature human TGF- $\beta$ 1 shares 100% aa identity with pig, dog and cow TGF- $\beta$ 1, and 99% aa identity with mouse, rat and horse TGF- $\beta$ 1. It demonstrates cross-species activity. TGF- $\beta$ 1 signaling begins with high-affinity binding to a type II ser/thr kinase receptor termed TGF- $\beta$  RII. This receptor then phosphorylates and activates a second ser/thr kinase receptor, TGF- $\beta$  RI (also called activin receptor-like kinase (ALK)-5), or alternatively, ALK-1. This complex phosphorylates and activates Smad proteins that regulate transcription. Contributions of the accessory receptors betaglycan (also known as TGF- $\beta$  RIII) and endoglin, or use of Smad-independent signaling pathways, allow for disparate actions observed in response to TGF- $\beta$  in different contexts.