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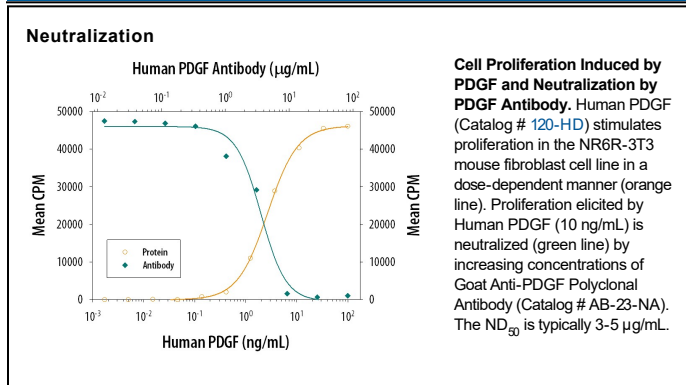
Specificity	Detects PDGF in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs and Western blots, this antibody will recognize recombinant human (rh) PDGF-AB, rhPDGF-AA, rhPDGF-BB, and natural porcine PDGF-BB.
Source	Polyclonal Goat IgG
Purification	Protein A or G purified
Immunogen	Human platelet-derived PDGF
Endotoxin Level	<0.10 EU per 1 µg of the antibody by the LAL method.
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm 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.

	Recommended Concentration	Sample
Western Blot	1 µg/mL	Human PDGF (Catalog # 120-HD)
Neutralization	Measured by its ability to neutralize PDGF-induced proliferation in the NR6R-3T3 mouse fibroblast cell line [Raines, E.W. <i>et al.</i> (1985) <i>Methods Enzymol.</i> 109 :749]. The Neutralization Dose (ND ₅₀) is typically 3-5 µg/mL in the presence of 10 ng/mL Human PDGF.	

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PREPARATION AND STORAGE

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

BACKGROUND

PDGF was originally discovered as a major mitogenic factor in serum but not in plasma. PDGF is stored in platelet α granules and released upon platelet activation. Besides megakaryocytes, other cell types, including endothelial cells, monocyte/macrophages, vascular smooth muscle cells, fibroblasts, cytotrophoblasts and a variety of transformed or neoplastic cells, have been shown to produce PDGF. PDGFs are disulfide-linked dimers. The subunits of the PDGF dimers are homologous polypeptides designated PDGF-A and PDGF-B chains. Natural PDGFs can exist either as homodimers (PDGF-AA, PDGF-BB) or heterodimers (PDGF-AB). Although all three isoforms of PDGF exist in human platelets, R&D Systems hPDGF consists predominantly of hPDGF-AB heterodimers.

Two distinct PDGF receptors, the α-receptor and the β-receptor, have been identified. The two receptors are structurally related, with an extracellular portion containing five immunoglobulin-like domains, a single transmembrane region, and an intracellular portion with a protein-tyrosine kinase domain. The α-receptor binds both the A and B chains with high affinity whereas the β-receptor binds only the B-chain with high affinity. Receptor dimerization is induced upon ligand binding.

In addition to being a potent mitogen for cells of mesenchymal origin, PDGF has also been shown to be a potent chemoattractant for mesenchymal cells, mononuclear cells and neutrophils and has been reported to be important in the modification of cellular matrix constituents.