

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Rat
Specificity	Detects rat PDGF-AA in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, approximately 50% cross-reactivity with recombinant rat (rr) PDGF-AB is observed, 30% cross-reactivity with recombinant human PDGF-AA is observed, and less than 5% cr
Source	Polyclonal Goat IgG
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified
Immunogen	<i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant rat PDGF-AA Ser87-Arg196 Accession # AAB59693
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 594 Excitation Wavelength: 590 nm Emission Wavelength: 617 nm
Formulation	Supplied 0.2mg/ml in 1X PBS with RDF1 and 0.09% Sodium Azide
*Contains <0.1% Sodium Azide, which is not hazardous at this concentration according to GHS classifications. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for additional information and handling instructions.	

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.

Neutralization	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.
Western Blot	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.
Immunohistochemistry	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Shipping	The product is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.
Stability & Storage	Protect from light. Do not freeze. 12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied

BACKGROUND

The platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) family consists of proteins derived from four genes (PDGF-A, -B, -C, and -D) that form four disulfide-linked homodimers (PDGF-AA, -BB, -CC, and -DD) and one heterodimer (PDGF-AB) (1, 2). These proteins regulate diverse cellular functions by binding to and inducing the homo- or hetero-dimerization of two receptors (PDGF Rα and Rβ). Whereas α/α homo-dimerization is induced by PDGF-AA, -BB, -CC, and -AB, α/β hetero-dimerization is induced by PDGF-AB, -BB, -CC, and -DD, and β/β homo-dimerization is induced only by PDGF-BB, and -DD (1-4). Both PDGF Rα and Rβ are members of the class III subfamily of receptor tyrosine kinases (RTK) that have five immunoglobulin-like domains in their extracellular region and a split kinase domain in their intracellular region. Ligand-induced receptor dimerization results in autophosphorylation in trans resulting in the activation of several intracellular signaling pathways that can lead to cell proliferation, cell survival, cytoskeletal rearrangement, cell migration and extracellular matrix production. Rat PDGF-A chain cDNA encodes a 204 amino acid (aa) residue precursor protein with a 20 aa signal peptide, a 65 aa propeptide that is removed by proteolysis, and a 119 aa mature protein. By alternative splicing, a short form lacking 8 C-terminal aa residues also exists. The long form contains the 8 aa basic insert which promotes intracellular cell retention and association with cell matrix. PDGF-A is expressed in multiple cell types and tissues. Based on PDGF-A knockout studies, PDGF-A appears to be important for the development of oligodendrocytes, testicular Leydig cells, alveolar smooth muscle cells, hair follicles and intestinal villus (1).

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