

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects human Cryptic in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, approximately 5% cross-reactivity with recombinant mouse Cryptic is observed.
Source	Polyclonal Sheep IgG
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant human Cryptic Tyr26-Gly169 Accession # NP_115934
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 405 Excitation Wavelength: 405 nm Emission Wavelength: 421 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.

CyTOF-ready	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.
Western Blot	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.
Intracellular Staining by Flow Cytometry	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

Cryptic, also known as CFC-1, was originally identified as a secreted protein that is specifically expressed during mesoderm differentiation (1). Cryptic, along with Cripto, *Xenopus* FRL-1 and zebrafish OEP (one-eyed pinhead) define the epidermal growth factor-CriptoFRL1Cryptic (EGF-CFC) family of signaling proteins that function in cancer and various developmental processes (2, 3). Overall sequence identity between members of the family is low, but they do share distinct domains: a variant EGF-like motif, a novel conserved cysteine-rich domain (called CFC domain), and a C-terminal hydrophobic region (2). Most EGF-CFC members have a glycosyl-phosphatidylinositol (GPI) anchoring site at the C-terminus and exist as extracellular membrane-anchored proteins. However, naturally-occurring soluble isoforms also exist. Human Cryptic shares 55% and 25% amino acid identity with mouse Cryptic and human Cripto, respectively. Despite weak conservation in amino acid identity, EGF-CFC family members appear to function similarly in assays for phenotypic rescue of zebrafish *oep* mutants (2).

Cryptic is expressed during gastrulation in the mesoderm and later in the neuroectoderm, marking the prospective floor plate of the neural tube (1). Genetic evidence from mice and humans points to a role for Cryptic in determining left-right asymmetry. Mutations in the *cryptic* gene result in a spectrum of heart, lung and spleen defects, all representing left-right laterality defects (4, 5). These phenotypes resemble some Nodal mutant alleles suggesting that Cryptic, like Cripto, acts as an essential co-factor for Nodal signaling (1, 3). Studies have shown that other TGF-β superfamily members involved in mesoderm induction and left-right patterning, Vg1 and GDF-1, also require EGF-CFC co-factors. Cryptic binds to GDF-1 leading to an Act RIIb-ALK4-Cryptic-GDF-1 complex for signaling (6).

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