

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects human Thrombospondin-4 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, approximately 50% cross-reactivity with recombinant mouse Thrombospondin-4 is observed and less than 5% cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) Thrombospondin-
Source	Polyclonal Goat IgG
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant human Thrombospondin-4 Ala22-Asn961 (Pro276Ala, Ala420Val) Accession # P35443
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 488 Excitation Wavelength: 488 nm Emission Wavelength: 515-545 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.

Western Blot 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

Thrombospondin-4 (THSP4) is a 140 kDa calcium-binding protein that interacts with other extracellular matrix molecules and modulates the activity of various cell types. THSP1 and THSP2 constitute subgroup A and form disulfide-linked homotrimers, whereas THSP3, THSP4, and THSP5/COMP constitute subgroup B and form pentamers (1, 2). The human THSP4 cDNA encodes a 961 amino acid (aa) precursor that includes a 26 aa signal sequence followed by an N-terminal heparin-binding domain, a coiled-coil motif, four EGF-like repeats, seven THSP type-3 repeats (one with an RGD motif), and a THSP C-terminal domain (3). Human THSP4 shares 93% aa sequence identity with mouse and rat THSP4. Within the THSP type-3 repeats and the THSP C-terminal domain, human THSP4 shares 79% aa sequence identity with THSP3 and COMP, and 58% aa sequence identity with THSP1 and THSP2. The coiled-coil motif mediates pentamer formation with COMP, either homotypically or heterotypically (3-6). THSP4 binds a variety of matrix proteins including collagens I, II, III, V, laminin-1, fibronectin, and matrilin-2 (4). Interactions of THSP4 with non-collagenous proteins are independent of divalent cations, while interactions with collagenous proteins are enhanced in the presence of zinc (4). THSP4 is expressed in heart, skeletal muscle, vascular smooth muscle, and vascular endothelial cells (7-9). It accumulates at neuromuscular junctions and synapse-rich regions and is upregulated in muscle by experimental denervation (8). THSP4 mediates the adhesion of motor and sensory neurons and promotes neurite outgrowth (8). A polymorphism of THSP4 (A387P) is associated with early coronary artery disease (10-12). Unlike wild type THSP4, the A387P variant does not support HUVEC attachment and spreading (9). Integrin αM/β2 enables activated neutrophil adhesion to both the variant A387P and wild type THSP4, although the A387P variant induces a greater release of pro-inflammatory molecules (13).

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