

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects human COMP in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, approximately 50% cross-reactivity with recombinant mouse COMP is observed.
Source	Polyclonal Goat IgG
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant human COMP/Thrombospondin-5 Gln21-Ala757 (Ala256Arg) Accession # P49747
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 350 Excitation Wavelength: 346 nm Emission Wavelength: 442 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.

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

Cartilage Oligomeric Matrix Protein (COMP), also known as Thrombospondin-5, is a 110 kDa multidomain calcium binding protein that associates with other extracellular matrix molecules. Thrombospondin-1 and -2 constitute subgroup A and form homotrimers, whereas Thrombospondin-3, -4, and COMP constitute subgroup B and form homopentamers (1-4). The human COMP cDNA encodes a 757 amino acid (aa) precursor that includes a 20 aa signal sequence followed by a non-collagenous coiled-coil domain, four EGF-like repeats, seven TSP type-3 repeats, and a globular TSP C-terminal domain (5). Human COMP shares 86-93% aa sequence identity with rat, mouse, equine, bovine, and canine COMP. Within the TSP type-3 repeats and TSP C-terminal domain, human COMP shares 60%, 61%, 74%, and 80% aa sequence identity with human Thrombospondin-1, -2, -3, and -4, respectively. The coiled coil domain mediates the association of COMP into disulfide-linked homopentamers with a central hub and peripheral globular domains connected by flexible strands (6, 7). An axial pore is formed by the coiled coil assembly and binds vitamin D₃ which is involved in bone and cartilage metabolism (8). An RGD sequence in the third TSP type-3 repeat mediates chondrocyte attachment *via* Integrin α5β1, although when reduced and in the absence of calcium, attachment is mediated *via* Integrin αVβ3 (9). COMP is upregulated in rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis, hepatocellular carcinomas, chronic pancreatitis, and pancreatic carcinomas (10-12). Elevated circulating COMP levels are used as a biomarker for early onset of some skeletal disorders (10). Several mutations are associated with skeletal dysplasias, and the most common, a point mutation in the third TSP type-3 repeat, results in diminished calcium binding ability (13, 14).

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