

#### DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b> | Human/Mouse/Rat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Specificity</b>        | Detects mouse and rat Contactin-2 in direct ELISAs. Detects human, mouse, and rat Contactin-2 in Western blots.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Source</b>             | Polyclonal Goat IgG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Purification</b>       | Antigen Affinity-purified                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Immunogen</b>          | Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant mouse Contactin-2/TAG1<br>Gln31-Ser1014<br>Accession # Q61330                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Conjugate</b>          | Alexa Fluor 488<br>Excitation Wavelength: 488 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 515-545 nm                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Formulation</b>        | Supplied 0.2mg/ml in 1X PBS with RDF1 and 0.09% Sodium Azide<br><br>*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.

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| <b>Western Blot</b>         | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |
| <b>Immunohistochemistry</b> | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |

#### PREPARATION AND STORAGE

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

#### BACKGROUND

Contactin-2 (CNTN2), also called TAG1 (transient axonal glycoprotein), TAX1 (transiently-expressed axonal glycoprotein), or axonin-1, is a 135 kDa glycosyl-phosphatidylinositol (GPI)- anchored cell adhesion molecule that belongs to the contactin subfamily within the immunoglobulin (Ig) protein superfamily (1-3). Mouse Contactin-2 cDNA encodes a 30 amino acid (aa) signal peptide, a 984 aa mature secreted protein with 6 Ig-like domains followed by 4 fibronectin type III-like repeats, and a 26 aa C-terminal GPI anchor pro-sequence. GPI-specific phospholipase activity can release soluble, active Contactin-2 from the membrane (2). Mature mouse Contactin-2 shares approximately 93%, 97%, and 77% aa sequence identity with human, rat, and chicken Contactin-2, respectively. During development, Contactin-2 is expressed by a subset of neuronal populations in the central nervous system (CNS) and peripheral nervous system (PNS), particularly during initial phases of axon outgrowth (3-5). Both the 135 kDa form and a 90 kDa form are also upregulated in response to CNS injury in the adult (6). Data support a role for Contactin-2 in axon pathfinding, neurite outgrowth and adhesion, especially in the CNS (3-6). In mature myelinated fibers, Contactin-2 is expressed by oligodendrocytes and Schwann cells, which are myelinating glial cells of the CNS and PNS, respectively (7, 8). It is enriched in the juxtaparanodal regions, where it recruits contactin-associated protein 2 (caspr2), a transmembrane neuroligin involved in cell adhesion and intercellular communication (7-10). The axonal Contactin-2 interacts in cis with caspr2 and in trans with another Contactin-2 on the glial membrane (8). This ternary complex is required for the accumulation and organization of K<sup>+</sup> channels in the juxtaparanodes (9).

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