

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Species Reactivity</b>	Human
<b>Specificity</b>	Detects human Activin RIA/ALK-2 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, less than 1% cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) Activin RIB, rhActivin RIIA, and rhActivin RIIB is observed.
<b>Source</b>	Polyclonal Goat IgG
<b>Purification</b>	Antigen Affinity-purified
<b>Immunogen</b>	<i>S. frugiperda</i> insect ovarian cell line Sf 21-derived recombinant human Activin RIA/ALK-2 Asp23-Glu123 Accession # Q04771
<b>Formulation</b>	Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *Small pack size (-SP) is supplied either lyophilized or as a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS.

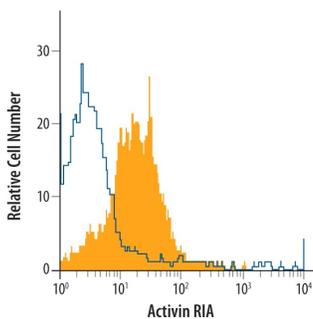
## APPLICATIONS

**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.

	Recommended Concentration	Sample
<b>Western Blot</b>	0.1 µg/mL	Recombinant Human Activin RIA/ALK-2 Fc Chimera (Catalog # 637-AR)
<b>Flow Cytometry</b>	2.5 µg/10 <sup>6</sup> cells	See Below
<b>Immunohistochemistry</b>	5-15 µg/mL	See Below
<b>CyTOF-ready</b>	Ready to be labeled using established conjugation methods. No BSA or other carrier proteins that could interfere with conjugation.	

## DATA

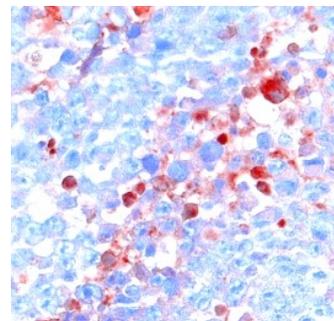
### Flow Cytometry



#### Detection of Activin RIA/ALK-2 in PC-3 Human Cell Line by Flow Cytometry.

PC-3 human prostate cancer cell line was stained with Goat Anti-Human Activin RIA/ALK-2 Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF637, filled histogram) or control antibody (Catalog # AB-108-C, open histogram), followed by Phycoerythrin-conjugated Anti-Goat IgG Secondary Antibody (Catalog # F0107).

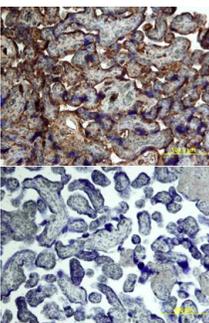
### Immunohistochemistry



#### Activin RIA/ALK-2 in Human Astrocytoma.

Activin RIA/ALK-2 was detected in immersion fixed paraffin-embedded sections of human astrocytoma using 15 µg/mL Goat Anti-Human Activin RIA/ALK-2 Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF637) overnight at 4 °C. Tissue was stained using the Anti-Goat HRP-DAB Cell & Tissue Staining Kit (brown; Catalog # CTS008) and counterstained with hematoxylin (blue). View our protocol for Chromogenic IHC Staining of Paraffin-embedded Tissue Sections.

### Immunohistochemistry



#### Activin RIA/ALK-2 in Human Placenta.

Activin RIA/ALK-2 was detected in immersion fixed paraffin-embedded sections of human placenta using Goat Anti-Human Activin RIA/ALK-2 Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF637) at 15 µg/mL overnight at 4 °C. Tissue was stained using the Anti-Goat HRP-DAB Cell & Tissue Staining Kit (brown; Catalog # CTS008) and counterstained with hematoxylin (blue). Lower panel shows a lack of labeling if primary antibodies are omitted and tissue is stained only with secondary antibody followed by incubation with detection reagents. View our protocol for Chromogenic IHC Staining of Paraffin-embedded Tissue Sections.

## PREPARATION AND STORAGE

<b>Reconstitution</b>	Reconstitute at 0.2 mg/mL in sterile PBS.
<b>Shipping</b>	The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below. *Small pack size (-SP) is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at -20 to -70 °C
<b>Stability &amp; Storage</b>	<b>Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.</li> <li>● 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.</li> <li>● 6 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.</li> </ul>

## BACKGROUND

Activin isoforms and other members of the TGF- $\beta$  superfamily exert their biological effects by binding to heteromeric complexes of a type I and a type II serine-threonine kinase receptor, both of which are essential for signal transduction. To date, seven type I and five type II receptors, including the two type I and the two type II activin receptors, designated ActR-I(A), ActR-IB, ActR-II(A), and ActR-IIB, have been cloned from mammals. Through alternative mRNA splicing, multiple ActR-IIB isoforms can also be generated, adding to the complexity of the activin receptor system. Different activin isoforms bind with different high-affinities to the various type II isoforms. Type I activin receptors do not bind directly to activin but will associate with the type II receptor-activin complex and initiate signal transduction. Besides the activin isoforms, ActR-II will also bind inhibin, BMP-2 and BMP-7 with lower affinities. ActR-I can also bind and form signaling complexes with the BMP-2/7-bound BMPR-II. Activin type I receptors are highly conserved. Human, mouse and bovine type IA activin receptors share greater than 98% amino acid sequence homology. Recombinant soluble activin type I receptor does not bind activin.

## References:

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2. Woodruff, T.K. (1998) *Biochem. Pharmacology* **55**:953.