

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Mouse
Specificity	Detects mouse Desert Hedgehog/Dhh N-Terminus in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs and Western blots, approximately 20% cross-reactivity with recombinant mouse (rm) Shh N-terminal peptide (aa 25-198) is observed. Additionally, in
Source	Polyclonal Goat IgG
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified
Immunogen	<i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant mouse Desert Hedgehog/Dhh aa 23-198 Accession # Q61488
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.

Western Blot	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.
Immunohistochemistry	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

Desert Hedgehog (Dhh) belongs to the highly conserved Hedgehog family of proteins which are involved in multiple developmental processes. Hedgehogs are synthesized as 45 kDa precursors that are cleaved autocatalytically. The 19 kDa N-terminal fragment remains membrane associated due to its cholesterol and palmitate modifications. Binding of this fragment to Patched receptors results in the loss of Patched repression of Smoothened signaling (1-4). Dhh binds both Patched and Patched 2 as well as Hedgehog interacting protein (Hip) (5). Within the N-terminal peptide, mouse Dhh shares 97% and 100% amino acid (aa) sequence identity with human and rat Dhh, respectively. It shares 74% aa sequence identity with mouse Indian (Ihh) and Sonic hedgehog (Shh) (6, 7). Dhh is produced by Sertoli cells and is required for testis development and spermatogenesis (8, 9). It induces steroidogenic factor 1 which is instrumental in promoting Leydig cell differentiation (10, 11). It also promotes the deposition of basal lamina surrounding seminiferous tubules (8). In humans, mutations of Dhh are associated with pure gonadal dysgenesis (12). Dhh is expressed in the female by ovarian granulosa cells and the corpus luteum (13). Its up-regulation in human ovarian cancer correlates positively with proliferative index and negatively with prognosis (14). Dhh is also expressed by Schwann cells and is up-regulated following nerve injury (15, 16). It induces the expression of Patched and Hip in nerve fibroblasts and promotes the formation of the connective tissue sheath surrounding peripheral nerves (15).

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