

#### DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b>                                                                                                                                                                               | Human                                                                                                    |
| <b>Specificity</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | Detects human ALK-7 in direct ELISAs.                                                                    |
| <b>Source</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           | Polyclonal Sheep IgG                                                                                     |
| <b>Purification</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     | Antigen Affinity-purified                                                                                |
| <b>Immunogen</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | Chinese hamster ovary cell line CHO-derived recombinant human ALK-7<br>Met1-Glu113<br>Accession # Q8NER5 |
| <b>Conjugate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | Alexa Fluor 350<br>Excitation Wavelength: 346 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 442 nm                          |
| <b>Formulation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      | 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.

**Immunohistochemistry** 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

Activin receptor-like kinase 7 (ALK-7), also known as Activin R1C (gene name ACVR1C), is a glycosylated 58 kDa type I receptor in the superfamily of TGF-β serine/threonine kinase receptors. It associates with type II receptors to form a signaling complex that responds to the ligands Activin AB, and Activin B, GDF3, and Nodal. ALK-7 plays a role in regulating energy balance by inhibiting insulin secretion and inducing pancreatic beta cell apoptosis. It is expressed in adipose tissue but downregulated in obesity. ALK-7 is also expressed in pituitary gonadotropic cells and in pre-eclamptic placenta. It induces the apoptosis of trophoblasts as well as ovarian granulosa and epithelial cells. Within the extracellular domain, human ALK-7 shares 95% and 91% amino acid (aa) sequence identity with mouse and rat ALK-7, respectively. Alternate splicing of human ALK-7 generates additional isoforms with either a 50 aa N-terminal truncation or with deletions of 79 aa or 157 aa that encompass the transmembrane segment.

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