

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects human Activin RIIB in Western blots. In this format, less than 1% cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) Activin RIA, rhActivin RIB, and rhActivin RIIA is observed.
Source	Polyclonal Goat IgG
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant human Activin RIIB Ser19-Thr134 Accession # CAA54671
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS with BSA as a carrier protein. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

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
Western Blot	0.1 µg/mL	Recombinant Human Activin RIIB Fc Chimera (Catalog # 339-RB)

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

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

BACKGROUND

Activin isoforms and other members of the TGF-β 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. 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 II receptors are highly conserved. Human, mouse and rat type II activin receptors share greater than 98% amino acid sequence homology.

References:

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