

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects human Pro HGF Activator in direct ELISAs and Western blots. It recognizes only the propeptide region of HGFA precursor, not active HGFA. In Western blots, 100% cross-reactivity with recombinant mouse Pro HGFA is observed and less than 5%
Source	Monoclonal Mouse IgG _{2B} Clone # 196817
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant human Pro HGF Activator Gln36-Ser655 Accession # Q04756
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 594 Excitation Wavelength: 590 nm Emission Wavelength: 617 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.
Immunoprecipitation	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

Hepatocyte Growth Factor Activator (HGFA) is a serine endopeptidase that cleaves at the peptide bond between Arg494 and Val495 of single-chain human HGF precursor, generating the active heterodimer (1). HGFA is produced and secreted by the liver and normally circulates in the blood as an inactive zymogen (2, 3). The zymogen has a weak affinity for heparin but acquires a strong affinity for heparin upon activation that is linked to blood coagulation. This property may ensure the local action of this enzyme at the site of tissue injury (3). The 655 amino acid (aa) human HGFA precursor contains several predicted domains including a signal peptide (aa 1-30), a propeptide (aa 31-372), and a mature and active form (aa 373-655) that is further processed into a short chain (aa 373-407) and a long chain (aa 408-655). The short chain and the long chain (catalytic domain) may form a disulfide-linked dimer. HGFA can be activated by thrombin or thermolysin (4). The active protease can be inhibited by HGFA inhibitors (HAIs). Two HAIs, HAI-1 and HAI-2, are known in mouse and human. HAI-1 is not only an inhibitor, but also a specific acceptor of active HGFA, acting as a reservoir of this enzyme on the cell surface (5).

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