

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects human pro- β -NGF in Western blots. In direct ELISAs and Western blots, this antibody shows no cross-reactivity with recombinant mouse (rm) β -NGF, rr β -NGF, rhBDNF, rhNT-3, or rhNT-4.
Source	Monoclonal Rat IgG _{2B} Clone # 347112
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	<i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant human pro- β -NGF Glu19-Ala241 Accession # P01138
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 488 Excitation Wavelength: 488 nm Emission Wavelength: 515-545 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.

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

NGF was initially isolated in the mouse submandibular gland as a 7S complex composed of three non-covalently linked subunits, α , β , and γ . Both the α and γ subunits of NGF are members of the kallikrein family of serine proteases while the β subunit, called β -NGF or 2.5S NGF, exhibits all the biological activities ascribed to NGF. Recombinant human β -NGF is a homodimer of two 120 amino acid polypeptides. The human protein shares approximately 90% homology at the amino acid level with both the mouse and rat β -NGF and exhibits cross-species activity. NGF is a well-characterized neurotropic protein that plays a critical role in the development of sympathetic and some sensory neurons in the peripheral nervous system. In addition, NGF can also act in the central nervous system as a trophic factor for basal forebrain cholinergic neurons. NGF has also been shown to have biological effects on non-neuronal tissues. NGF is mitogenic for a factor-dependent human erythroleukemic cell line, TF-1. NGF has been found to increase the number of mast cells in neonatal rats and to induce histamine release from peritoneal mast cells. NGF will enhance histamine release and strongly modulate the formation of lipid mediators by basophils in response to various stimuli. NGF will also induce the growth and differentiation of human B lymphocytes as well as suppress apoptosis of murine peritoneal neutrophils. These results, taken together, suggest that NGF is a pleiotropic cytokine which, in addition to its neurotropic activities, may have an important role in the regulation of the immune system.

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