

DESCRIPTION

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| Species Reactivity | Human |
| Specificity | Detects human Betacellulin in ELISAs and Western blots. In Western blots, this antibody does not cross-react with recombinant human (rh) EGF, rhHB-EGF, rhTGF- α , rhHRG- α , or rhAR under non-reducing conditions. |
| Source | Monoclonal Mouse IgG ₁ Clone # 34362 |
| Purification | Protein A or G purified from ascites |
| Immunogen | <i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant human Betacellulin Asp32-Tyr111 Accession # P35070 |
| 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.

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| ELISA Capture (Matched Antibody Pair) | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |
| ELISA Detection (Matched Antibody Pair) | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

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| 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

Betacellulin (BTC) is a new member of the EGF family of cytokines that is comprised of at least ten proteins including EGF, TGF- α , amphiregulin, HB-EGF, and the various heregulins. All of these cytokines are synthesized as transmembrane precursors and are characterized by the presence of one or more EGF structural units in their extracellular domain. The soluble forms of these cytokines are released by proteolytic cleavage. BTC, a heparin-binding protein, was originally isolated from the conditioned media of mouse pancreatic beta tumor cells as a 32 kDa glycoprotein composed of 80 amino acid residues. The cDNA encoding human BTC was cloned from a human breast adenocarcinoma cell line (MCF-7) cDNA library. Human and mouse cDNAs encode BTC precursor proteins of 178 and 177 amino acid residues, respectively. At the amino acid sequence level, human BTC precursor protein exhibits 79% identity with that of the mouse BTC precursor. In a mouse cell line transfected with human BTC cDNA, three forms of soluble human BTC have been detected: the glycosylated, intact BTC composed of 80 amino acid residues, a truncated molecule lacking 12 amino acid residues from the amino terminus, and a second truncated molecule lacking 30 amino acid residues from the amino terminus. The biological activities of these BTC forms were shown to be identical. BTC can bind to the EGF receptor and is a potent mitogen for Balb/c 3T3 fibroblasts, retinal pigment epithelial cells, and vascular smooth muscle cells.

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