

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Mouse
Specificity	Detects mouse MFG-E8 in direct ELISAs and Western blots.
Source	Monoclonal Rat IgG _{2A} Clone # 340614
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant mouse MFG-E8 Ala23-Cys463 Accession # P21956
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.

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.
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

Milk Fat Globulin Protein E8 (MFG-E8), also known as Lactadherin, MP47, breast epithelial antigen BA46, and SED1, is a 66-75 kDa pleiotropic secreted glycoprotein that promotes mammary gland morphogenesis, angiogenesis, and tumor progression. MFG-E8 also plays an important role in tissue homeostasis and the prevention of inflammation (1). Mouse MFG-E8 contains two N-terminal EGF-like domains, a Pro/Thr-rich segment, and two C-terminal F5/8-type discoidin-like domains (2). It MFG-E8 shares 63% and 94% aa sequence identity with comparable regions of human and rat MFG-E8, respectively. Alternative splicing of mouse MFG-E8 generates a short isoform lacking the Pro/Thr-rich region which contains sites for O-linked glycosylation and tyrosine sulfation (3). MFG-E8 is released into the milk in complex with lipid-containing milk fat globules. It is also found in multiple other cell types including endothelial cells and smooth muscle cells of the vasculature, immature dendritic cells, at the acrosomal cap of testicular and epididymal sperm, and in epithelial cells of the endometrium (1). MFG-E8 binds to the Integrins αVβ3 and αVβ5 and potentiates the angiogenic action of VEGF through VEGF R2 (4, 5). It reduces inflammation and tissue damage in a variety of settings. MFG-E8 functions as a bridge between phosphatidylserine on apoptotic cells and Integrin αVβ3 on phagocytes, leading to the clearance of apoptotic debris (6). It mediates the engulfment of apoptotic bodies in atherosclerotic plaques and prion-infected brain (7, 8) and of apoptotic B cells during germinal center reactions (9, 10). MFG-E8 also promotes the removal of excess Collagen in fibrotic lungs and the regeneration of damaged intestinal epithelia (11, 12). Its tissue-protective role impairs anti-tumor immunity and chemotherapy-induced apoptosis (13). MFG-E8 in the breastmilk blocks rotavirus infection in nursing babies (14).

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