

## DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b> | Human                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Specificity</b>        | Detects human VEGF-D in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, no cross-reactivity with recombinant mouse (rm) VEGF-D, rmVEGF-B, recombinant human (rh) VEGF-B and rhVEGF is observed.                                                                          |
| <b>Source</b>             | Monoclonal Mouse IgG <sub>1</sub> Clone # 78923                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Purification</b>       | Protein A or G purified from ascites                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Immunogen</b>          | Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant human VEGF-D<br>Phe93-Ser201<br>Accession # O43915                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Conjugate</b>          | Alexa Fluor 700<br>Excitation Wavelength: 675-700 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 723 nm                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Formulation</b>        | Supplied 0.2mg/ml in 1X PBS with RDF1 and 0.09% Sodium Azide<br><br>*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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| <b>Neutralization</b>       | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |
| <b>Immunohistochemistry</b> | Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined. |

## PREPARATION AND STORAGE

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| <b>Shipping</b>                | The product is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below. |
| <b>Stability &amp; Storage</b> | Protect from light. Do not freeze. 12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied                          |

## BACKGROUND

Vascular endothelial growth factor D (VEGF-D), also known as *c-fos*-induced growth factor (FIGF), is a secreted glycoprotein of the VEGF/PDGF family. VEGFs regulate angiogenesis and lymphangiogenesis during development and tumor growth, and are characterized by eight conserved cysteine residues that form a cystine knot structure (1-3). VEGF-C and VEGF-D, which share 23% amino acid (aa) sequence identity, are uniquely expressed as preproteins that contain long N- and C-terminal propeptide extensions around the VEGF homology domain (VHD) (1, 2). Proteolytic processing of the 354 aa VEGF-D preproprotein creates a secreted proprotein. Further processing by extracellular serine proteases, such as plasmin or furin-like proprotein convertases, forms mature VEGF-D consisting of non-covalently linked 42 kDa homodimers of the 117 aa VHD (4-6). Mature human VEGF-D shares 94%, 95%, 99%, 97%, and 93% aa identity with mouse, rat, equine, canine, and bovine VEGF-D, respectively (4, 5). It is expressed in adult lung, heart, muscle, and small intestine, and is most abundantly expressed in fetal lungs and skin (1-4). Mouse and human VEGF-D are ligands for VEGF Receptor 3 (VEGF R3, also called Flt-4) that are active across species and show enhanced affinity when processed (7). Processed human VEGF-D is also a ligand for VEGF R2, also called Flk-1 or KDR (7). VEGF R3 is strongly expressed in lymphatic endothelial cells and is essential for regulation of the growth and differentiation of lymphatic endothelium (1, 2). While VEGF-C is the critical ligand for VEGF R3 during embryonic lymphatic development, VEGF-D is most active in neonatal lymphatic maturation and bone growth (8-10). Both promote tumor lymphangiogenesis (11). Consonant with their activity on VEGF receptors, binding of VEGF-C and VEGF-D to neuropilins contributes to VEGF R3 signaling in lymphangiogenesis, while binding to integrin  $\alpha 9 \beta 1$  mediates endothelial cell adhesion and migration (12, 13).

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