

## DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Species Reactivity</b> | Human/Mouse                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Specificity</b>        | Detects human and mouse FGF-8 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs and Western blots, less than 2% cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) FGF-5, rhFGF-7, and rhFGF-9 is observed.                                                                    |
| <b>Source</b>             | Monoclonal Mouse IgG <sub>1</sub> Clone # 47109                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Purification</b>       | Protein A or G purified from ascites                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Immunogen</b>          | <i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant mouse FGF-8b<br>Gln23-Arg215<br>Accession # NP_001159834                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Conjugate</b>          | Alexa Fluor 405<br>Excitation Wavelength: 405 nm<br>Emission Wavelength: 421 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>Western Blot</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

FGF-8 is a member of the fibroblast growth factor family that was originally discovered as a growth factor essential for the androgen-dependent growth of mouse mammary carcinoma cells (1-3). Alternate splicing of mouse FGF-8 mRNA generates eight secreted isoforms, designated a-h, but only FGF-8a, b, e and f exist in humans (4). FGF-8 contains a 22 amino acid (aa) signal sequence, an N-terminal domain that varies according to the isoform (30 aa for FGF-8b; 20 aa for the shortest, FGF-8a), a 125 aa FGF domain and a 37 aa proline-rich C-terminal sequence. The FGF domain of FGF-8 shares the most aa identity with FGF17 (75%) and FGF-18 (67%), and the three form an FGF subfamily (2). Mouse FGF-8b shares 100% aa identity with human FGF-8b. FGF-8 is widely expressed during embryogenesis, and mediates epithelial-mesenchymal transitions. It plays an organizing and inducing role during gastrulation, and regulates patterning of the midbrain/hindbrain, eye, ear, limbs and heart in the embryo (2, 5 - 8). The isoforms may play different roles in development. FGF-8b shows the strongest receptor affinity and oncogenic transforming capacity although FGF-8a and FGF-8e are also transforming and have been found in human prostate, breast or ovarian tumors (1, 5, 9-12). FGF-8 shows limited expression in the normal adult, but low levels are found in the reproductive and genitourinary tract, peripheral leukocytes and bone marrow hematopoietic cells (3, 9, 13).

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