

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects both the mature form and the proform of human Relaxin-1 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs and Western blots, no cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) Relaxin-2 or rhRelaxin-3 is observed.
Source	Monoclonal Rat IgG _{2A} Clone # 361505
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	<i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant human Relaxin-1 Lys26-Cys185 Accession # P04808
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.

Western Blot	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.
ELISA	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

Human Relaxin-1, also called H1 Relaxin or RLN1, is one of three human relaxins in the structurally related insulin/relaxin superfamily (1, 2). Relaxin-1 is thought to be the result of duplication of the Relaxin-2 gene in higher primates only. In species below higher primates, Relaxin-1 is the equivalent of human Relaxin-2. Relaxin-1 is found in some but not all tissues expressing Relaxin-2. It is prominent in the prostate, but also present in decidua, placenta, endometrium and at low levels in the myocardium (2, 3). As with other insulin/relaxin superfamily members, human Relaxin-1 is synthesized as a prehormone (4). Processing of the 21 kDa preprorelaxin-1 includes removal of the signal sequence, formation of two disulfide bonds between A and B chains and removal of the intervening C-chain by a prohormone convertase. The resulting mature protein is an unglycosylated, 6 kDa dimer of disulfide-linked A and B chains. Human Relaxin-1 shares 76% amino acid (aa) identity with human Relaxin-2, and 43%, 50% and 43% aa identity with mouse, rat and canine Relaxin-1, respectively. An alternate splice form of unknown significance has a 47 aa substitution which does not have typical C-chain cleavage motifs (5). Relaxins confer activity by binding to leucine-rich G-protein coupled receptors LGR7 and LGR8 (2, 6). Prostatic relaxins are anti-apoptotic and contribute to development and maintenance of male fertility. It is not clear whether human Relaxins -1 and -2 have distinct functions. Both use the same receptor and have the same critical amino acids for folding and for receptor interaction. While receptor affinity is similar, activity is lower for Relaxin-1 as compared to Relaxin-2 (7). Progesterone increases expression of only Relaxin-2, while glucocorticoids increase expression of both (8).

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