

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human/Rat
Specificity	Detects rat EphA5 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, 5-15% cross reactivity with recombinant mouse (rm) EphA4 and rmEpha8 is observed and no cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) EphA1, rmEphA2, -A3, -A6, -A7, recombinant rat EphB1, -B2, or rmEphB3 is observed.
Source	Monoclonal Mouse IgG ₁ Clone # 86731
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant rat EphA5 Ser58-Gln573 (Asp170Glu) Accession # P54757
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 488 Excitation Wavelength: 488 nm Emission Wavelength: 515-545 nm
Formulation	Supplied 0.2 mg/mL in a saline solution containing BSA and Sodium Azide. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *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.

	Recommended Concentration	Sample
Flow Cytometry	0.25-1 µg/10 ⁶ cells	U-118-MG human glioblastoma/astrocytoma cell line

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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied.

BACKGROUND

EphA5, also known as Ehk1, Bsk, Cek7, Hek7, and Rek7 (1), is a member of the Eph receptor family which binds members of the ephrin ligand family. There are two classes of receptors, designated A and B. Both the A and B class receptors have an extracellular region consisting of a globular domain, a cysteine-rich domain, and two fibronectin type III domains. This is followed by the transmembrane region and cytoplasmic region. The cytoplasmic region contains a juxtamembrane motif with two tyrosine residues, which are the major autophosphorylation sites, a kinase domain, and a conserved sterile alpha motif (SAM) in the carboxy tail which contains one conserved tyrosine residue. Activation of kinase activity occurs after ligand recognition and binding. EphA5 has been shown to bind ephrin-A5, ephrin-A1, ephrin-A2, ephrin-A3, and ephrin-A4 (2, 3). The extracellular domains of rat EphA5 share 98.5% amino acid identity with the mouse homolog and 96.5% identity with the human homolog. Only membrane-bound or Fc-clustered ligands are capable of activating the receptor *in vitro*. While soluble monomeric ligands bind the receptor, they do not induce receptor autophosphorylation and activation (2). *In vivo*, the ligands and receptors display reciprocal expression (3). It has been found that nearly all receptors and ligands are expressed in developing and adult neural tissue (3). The Eph/ephrin families also appear to play a role in angiogenesis (3).

References:

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