

#### DESCRIPTION

<b>Species Reactivity</b>	Human/Mouse
<b>Specificity</b>	Detects mouse Wnt-5a in direct ELISAs. In direct ELISAs, no cross-reactivity with recombinant mouse Wnt-1, 2b, 3a, 4, 5b, 8a, 8b, 9b, 10a, 10b, 11, or 16 is observed.
<b>Source</b>	Monoclonal Rat IgG <sub>2A</sub> Clone # 442625
<b>Purification</b>	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
<b>Immunogen</b>	CHO-derived recombinant mouse Wnt-5a Gln38-Lys380 Accession # P22725
<b>Conjugate</b>	Alexa Fluor 647 Excitation Wavelength: 650 nm Emission Wavelength: 668 nm
<b>Formulation</b>	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.

**Immunohistochemistry** 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

Wnt proteins are secreted glycoproteins that contain a conserved pattern of 23-24 cysteine residues. Wnts play critical roles in both carcinogenesis and embryonic development for a variety of organisms. Wnts bind to receptors of the Frizzled family, sometimes in conjunction with other membrane-associated proteins such as LRP6 or proteoglycans. Downstream effects of Wnt signaling occur through different intracellular components, depending on which pathway is activated. Three pathways have been characterized: the canonical Wnt/β-catenin pathway, the Wnt/Ca<sup>2+</sup> pathway, and the planar cell polarity (1-2).

Wnt-5a is part of the subgroup of Wnts that are not axis-inducing in *Xenopus* embryos and do not transform C57MG mammary epithelial cells. This subgroup is also implicated in the Wnt/Ca<sup>2+</sup> pathway, playing roles in cell movements and cell adhesion (3). This non-canonical Wnt pathway can inhibit canonical Wnt/β-catenin signaling. In Wnt-5a deficient mouse embryos, β-catenin accumulates in the limb bud suggesting that Wnt-5a normally promotes degradation of β-catenin (4). Likewise, in *Xenopus* embryos Wnt-5a antagonizes the ability of the canonical Wnt subgroup to induce a secondary axis (5). Wnt-5a is implicated in various types of cancer and has complex roles. It acts as a tumor suppressor for mammary, B-cell, colon, and uroepithelial cancer cells but is up-regulated in melanomas, where expression levels correlate with severity of metastasis (3). Furthermore, aberrant Wnt-5a signaling results in other diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis (6). Like other developmental growth factors Wnt-5a has diverse roles in development. They are too numerous to enunciate here, as functions span from early anterior-posterior development and gastrulation movements to maintaining hematopoietic stem cell population, lung morphogenesis, and limb outgrowth. Mature Wnt-5a is a 49 kDa protein that shares 99% amino acid identity in mouse, rat and human.

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