

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human/Mouse
Specificity	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.
Source	Monoclonal Rat IgG _{2A} Clone # 442625
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	CHO-derived recombinant mouse Wnt-5a Gln38-Lys380 Accession # P22725
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 532 Excitation Wavelength: 534 nm Emission Wavelength: 553 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.

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/Ca²⁺ 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/Ca²⁺ 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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