

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Mouse
Specificity	Detects mouse GDF-8 propeptide in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, no cross-reactivity with recombinant mouse (rm) GDF-1 propeptide, rmGDF-3 propeptide, rmGDF-5, or rmGDF-6 is observed.
Source	Monoclonal Rat IgG _{2B} Clone # 84231
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant mouse GDF-8 Asn25-Ser376 Accession # O08689
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.

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

Growth Differentiation Factor 8 (GDF-8), also known as Myostatin, is a secreted TGF- β superfamily protein that is expressed specifically in developing and adult skeletal muscle. It controls myoblast proliferation and is a potent negative regulator of skeletal muscle mass (1-3). Mouse GDF-8 is synthesized as a 376 amino acid (aa) preproprotein that consists of a 24 aa signal peptide, a 243 aa propeptide, and a 109 aa mature protein (2). Within the propeptide, mouse GDF-8 shares 96% and 99% aa sequence identity with human and rat GDF-8, respectively. GDF-8 is secreted as a preproprotein that is cleaved by BMP-1 family proteases to separate the 35-40 kDa propeptide from the 12 kDa bioactive mature protein (4-6). This results in a latent complex containing a disulfide-linked dimer of the mature protein and two noncovalently-associated molecules of the propeptide (2, 6). The GDF-8 propeptide functions as an inhibitor of mature GDF-8, and GDF-8 activity can also be inhibited through association with Follistatin, FLRG, Decorin, or GASP-1 (6-11). The uncleaved GDF-8 proprotein binds Latent TGF- β bp3 which can sequester it in the extracellular matrix and prevent the proteolytic cleavage of the propeptide (12). GDF-8 binds to the type II Activin receptor Activin RIIIB which then associates with the type I receptors Activin RIB/ALK-4 or TGF-beta RI/ALK-5 to induce signaling (13). GDF-8 additionally inhibits adipogenic differentiation of mesenchymal stem cells and preadipocytes (14). Genetic deletion of GDF-8 or *in vivo* administration of the GDF-8 propeptide induces muscle hypertrophy as well as enhanced glucose utilization and insulin sensitivity and a reduction in overall fat mass (15, 16).

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