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# **Product Information**

Anti-Transforming Growth Factor-β Soluble Receptor III

produced in goat, affinity isolated antibody

Catalog Number T1940

Synonyms: Anti-TGF-β sRIII

#### **Product Description**

Anti-Transforming Growth Factor- $\beta$  Soluble Receptor III is produced in goat using as immunogen a recombinant human soluble TGF- $\beta$  RIII expressed in NSO cells. The antibody is purified using human TGF- $\beta$  RIII affinity chromatography.

Anti-TGF- $\beta$  sRIII recognizes the extracellular domain of human TGF- $\beta$  RIII by immunoblotting and ELISA.

The family of cytokines to which TGF- $\beta$ 1 belongs, the transforming growth factor family, has important functions in growth, development, and differentiation.<sup>1</sup>

Most mammalian cells express three abundant high affinity TGF receptors, which can bind and be cross-linked to TGF-β: type I (~53 kDa), type II (~65 kDa), and type III (~100-280 kDa) receptors, so designated because of the molecular mass of the cross-linked products analyzed by gel electrophoresis.<sup>2</sup> TGF $\beta$ -RI and TGF $\beta$ -RII, the type I and II receptors, are type I transmembrane proteins with cytosolic domains containing a serine-threonine kinase.<sup>3-7</sup> Both receptors are essential for signal transduction. The TGF- $\beta$  type III receptor, or betaglycan, is a membrane-bound proteoglycan with a short cytoplasmic tail that has no apparent signaling motif.<sup>8,9</sup> It binds TGF-β2 (apparent Kd ~100 pM) with slightly greater affinity than TGF- $\beta$ 1 or TGF- $\beta$ 3 (apparent Kd ~300 pM).<sup>10,11</sup> The main role of betaglycan seems to be in binding and then presenting TGF-β ligand to the signaling receptors TGFβ-RI and TGFβ-RII.<sup>12</sup> Overexpression of TGFβ-RIII in L6 myoblasts leads to a dramatic increase in TGF-β2 binding to T $\beta$ -RI and T $\beta$ -RII.<sup>8,13</sup>

Following stimulation of cells with a TGF- $\beta$ -like protein (e.g., TGF- $\beta$ 1, TGF- $\beta$ 3, activins, or dpp), the growth factor binds to a type II receptor, which in turn recruits a type I receptor into a heteromeric complex.<sup>14</sup> This is required for the subsequent phosphorylation of the type I receptor in the GS-domain by the type II receptor, which leads to receptor I activation and signal generation.<sup>15</sup> In the case of ligands with low affinity for the type II receptor (e.g., TGF- $\beta$ 2), accessory receptors such as betaglycan (RIII) may first recruit the ligand and then present it to the signalling complex. The SMAD proteins constitute a unique signaling pathway with key roles in signal transduction by TGF- $\beta$  and related factors. Pathway-restricted SMADs are phosphorylated and activated by type I receptors in response to stimulation by ligand. Once activated, pathway-restricted SMADs oligomerize with the common-mediator Smad4 and subsequently translocate to the nucleus.<sup>16,17</sup>

#### Reagents

Lyophilized from 0.2  $\mu$ m-filtered solution in phosphate buffered saline containing carbohydrates.

#### **Precautions and Disclaimer**

This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

#### **Preparation Instructions**

To one vial of lyophilized powder, add 1 ml of 0.2  $\mu$ m-filtered PBS to produce a 0.25 mg/ml stock solution of antibody. If aseptic technique is used, no further filtration should be needed for use in cell culture environments.

#### Storage/Stability

Prior to reconstitution, store at -20 °C. Reconstituted product may be stored at 2-8 °C for up to one month. For prolonged storage, freeze in working aliquots at -20 °C. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing.

### **Product Profile**

Indirect immunoblotting: a working concentration of 1-2  $\mu$ g/ml will allow visualization of 0.5 ng/lane of human TGF- $\beta$  sRIII under non-reducing and reducing conditions.

<u>Indirect ELISA</u>: a working concentration of 0.5-1  $\mu$ g/ml is determined to detect a limit of 0.06 ng/well of human TGF- $\beta$  sRIII.

<u>Note</u>: In order to obtain best results in different techniques and preparations, determination of optimal working dilutions by titration test is recommended.

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