

## DESCRIPTION

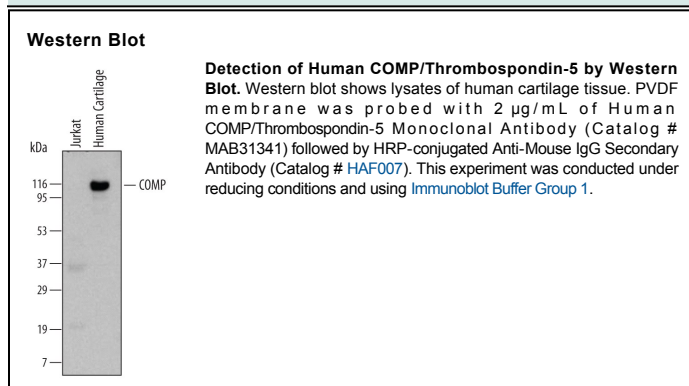
<b>Species Reactivity</b>	Human
<b>Specificity</b>	Detects human COMP in Western blots.
<b>Source</b>	Monoclonal Mouse IgG <sub>1</sub> Clone # 2127-F5
<b>Purification</b>	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
<b>Immunogen</b>	Bacteria-derived recombinant human COMP
<b>Formulation</b>	Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *Small pack size (-SP) is supplied as a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS.

## 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.

	<b>Recommended Concentration</b>	<b>Sample</b>
<b>Western Blot</b>	2 µg/mL	See Below
<b>Immunoprecipitation</b>	25 µg/mL	Conditioned cell culture medium spiked with Recombinant Human COMP/Thrombospondin-5 (Catalog # 3134-CP), <a href="#">see our available Western blot detection antibodies</a>

## DATA



## PREPARATION AND STORAGE

<b>Reconstitution</b>	Reconstitute at 0.5 mg/mL in sterile PBS.
<b>Shipping</b>	The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below. *Small pack size (-SP) is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at -20 to -70 °C
<b>Stability &amp; Storage</b>	<p><b>Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.</li> <li>● 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.</li> <li>● 6 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.</li> </ul>

## BACKGROUND

Cartilage Oligomeric Matrix Protein (COMP), also known as Thrombospondin-5, is a 110 kDa multidomain calcium binding protein that associates with other extracellular matrix molecules. Thrombospondin-1 and -2 constitute subgroup A and form homotrimers, whereas Thrombospondin-3, -4, and COMP constitute subgroup B and form homopentamers (1-4). The human COMP cDNA encodes a 757 amino acid (aa) precursor that includes a 20 aa signal sequence followed by a non-collagenous coiled-coil domain, four EGF-like repeats, seven TSP type-3 repeats, and a globular TSP C-terminal domain (5). Human COMP shares 86-93% aa sequence identity with rat, mouse, equine, bovine, and canine COMP. Within the TSP type-3 repeats and TSP C-terminal domain, human COMP shares 60%, 61%, 74%, and 80% aa sequence identity with human Thrombospondin-1, -2, -3, and -4, respectively. The coiled coil domain mediates the association of COMP into disulfide-linked homopentamers with a central hub and peripheral globular domains connected by flexible strands (6, 7). An axial pore is formed by the coiled coil assembly and binds vitamin D<sub>3</sub> which is involved in bone and cartilage metabolism (8). An RGD sequence in the third TSP type-3 repeat mediates chondrocyte attachment *via* Integrin α5β1, although when reduced and in the absence of calcium, attachment is mediated *via* Integrin αVβ3 (9). COMP is upregulated in rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis, hepatocellular carcinomas, chronic pancreatitis, and pancreatic carcinomas (10-12). Elevated circulating COMP levels are used as a biomarker for early onset of some skeletal disorders (10). Several mutations are associated with skeletal dysplasias, and the most common, a point mutation in the third TSP type-3 repeat, results in diminished calcium binding ability (13, 14).

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