

**DESCRIPTION**

<b>Species Reactivity</b>	Mouse
<b>Specificity</b>	Detects mouse PDGF R $\alpha$ in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, less than 1% cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) PDGF R $\alpha$ , rhPDGF R $\beta$ , and recombinant mouse PDGF R $\beta$ is observed.
<b>Source</b>	Polyclonal Goat IgG
<b>Purification</b>	Antigen Affinity-purified
<b>Immunogen</b>	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant mouse PDGF R $\alpha$ Leu25-Glu524 (Asp65Glu, Gly439Ala, Thr440Ala) Accession # P26618
<b>Endotoxin Level</b>	<0.10 EU per 1 $\mu$ g of the antibody by the LAL method.
<b>Formulation</b>	Lyophilized from a 0.2 $\mu$ m filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *Small pack size (-SP) is supplied as a 0.2 $\mu$ m filtered solution in PBS.

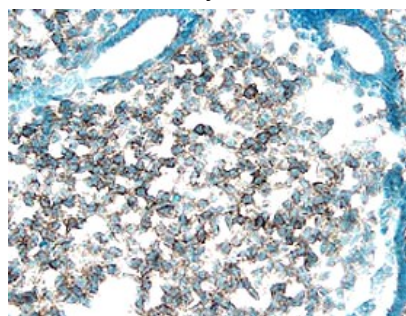
**APPLICATIONS**

**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>	0.1 $\mu$ g/mL	Recombinant Mouse PDGF R $\alpha$ Fc Chimera (Catalog # 1062-PR)
<b>Immunohistochemistry</b>	5-15 $\mu$ g/mL	See Below
<b>Neutralization</b>	Measured by its ability to neutralize PDGF-AA-induced proliferation in the NR6R-3T3 mouse fibroblast cell line. The Neutralization Dose (ND <sub>50</sub> ) is typically 1-5 $\mu$ g/mL in the presence of 10 ng/mL Recombinant Human PDGF-AA.	

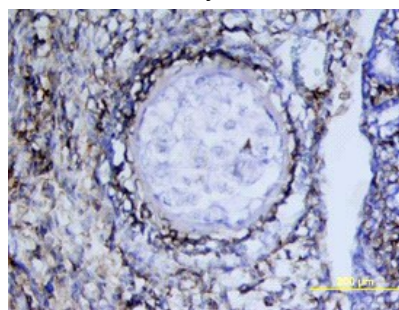
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**Immunohistochemistry**



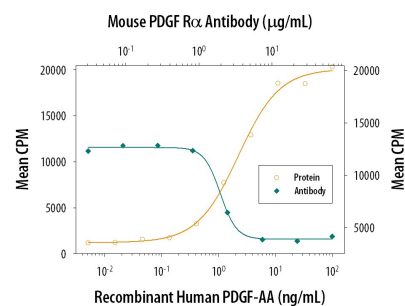
**PDGF R $\alpha$  in Mouse Embryo.** PDGF R $\alpha$  was detected in immersion fixed frozen sections of mouse embryo using 15  $\mu$ g/mL Goat Anti-Mouse PDGF R $\alpha$  Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF1062) overnight at 4 °C. Tissue was stained with the Anti-Goat HRP-DAB Cell & Tissue Staining Kit (brown; Catalog # CTS008) and counterstained with hematoxylin (blue). Specific labeling was localized to the plasma membrane of mesenchymal cells. View our protocol for [Chromogenic IHC Staining of Frozen Tissue Sections](#).

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**Neutralization**



**Cell Proliferation Induced by PDGF-AA and Neutralization by Mouse PDGF R $\alpha$  Antibody.** Recombinant Human PDGF-AA (Catalog # 221-AA) stimulates proliferation in the NR6R-3T3 mouse fibroblast cell line in a dose-dependent manner (orange line). Proliferation elicited by Recombinant Human PDGF-AA (10 ng/mL) is neutralized (green line) by increasing concentrations of Goat Anti-Mouse PDGF R $\alpha$  Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF1062). The ND<sub>50</sub> is typically 1-5  $\mu$ g/mL.

## PREPARATION AND STORAGE

**Reconstitution** Reconstitute at 0.2 mg/mL in sterile PBS.

**Shipping** 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

**Stability & Storage** Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

- 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.
- 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.
- 6 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

## BACKGROUND

The platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) family consists of proteins derived from four genes (PDGF-A, -B, -C, and -D) that form disulfide-linked homodimers (PDGF-AA, -BB, -CC, and -DD) and a heterodimer (PDGF-AB) (1, 2). These proteins regulate diverse cellular functions by binding to and inducing the homo- or hetero-dimerization of two receptors (PDGF R $\alpha$  and R $\beta$ ). Whereas  $\alpha/\alpha$  homo-dimerization is induced by PDGF-AA, -BB, -CC, and -AB,  $\alpha/\beta$  hetero-dimerization is induced by PDGF-AB, -BB, -CC, and -DD, and  $\beta/\beta$  homo-dimerization is induced only by PDGF-BB and -DD (1-4). Both PDGF R $\alpha$  and R $\beta$  are members of the class III subfamily of receptor tyrosine kinases (RTK) that also includes the receptors for M-CSF, SCF, and Flt-3 ligand. All class III RTKs are characterized by the presence of five immunoglobulin-like domains in their extracellular region and a split kinase domain in their intracellular region. Ligand-induced receptor dimerization results in autophosphorylation in trans resulting in the activation of several intracellular signaling pathways that can lead to cell proliferation, cell survival, cytoskeletal rearrangement, and cell migration. Many cell types, including fibroblasts and smooth muscle cells, express both the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  receptors. Others have only the  $\alpha$  receptors (oligodendrocyte progenitor cells, mesothelial cells, liver sinusoidal endothelial cells, astrocytes, platelets, and megakaryocytes) or only the  $\beta$  receptors (myoblasts, capillary endothelial cells, pericytes, T cells, myeloid hematopoietic cells, and macrophages) (1, 2). Recombinant mouse and human soluble PDGF R $\beta$  bind PDGF with high affinity and are potent PDGF antagonists.

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