

#### DESCRIPTION

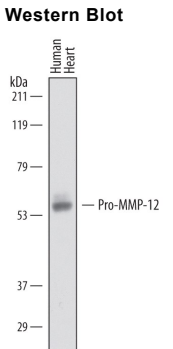
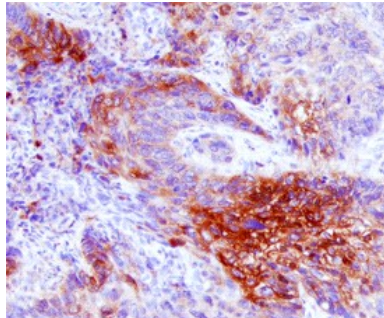
<b>Species Reactivity</b>	Human
<b>Specificity</b>	Detects human MMP-12 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, approximately 8% cross-reactivity with recombinant mouse MMP-12 is observed, and less than 2% cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) MMP-1 and rhMMP-3 is observed.
<b>Source</b>	Polyclonal Goat IgG
<b>Purification</b>	Antigen Affinity-purified
<b>Immunogen</b>	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant human MMP-12 Leu17-Cys470 Accession # P39900
<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>Immunohistochemistry</b>	5-15 µg/mL	See Below
<b>Immunoprecipitation</b>	25 µg/mL	Conditioned cell culture medium spiked with Recombinant Human MMP-12 (Catalog # 917-MP), see our available <a href="#">Western blot detection antibodies</a>

#### DATA

<b>Western Blot</b>	<b>Immunohistochemistry</b>
 <p><b>Detection of Human Pro-MMP-12 by Western Blot.</b> Western blot shows lysates of human heart tissue. PVDF membrane was probed with 2 µg/mL of Goat Anti-Human MMP-12 Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF917) followed by HRP-conjugated Anti-Goat IgG Secondary Antibody (Catalog # HAF019). A specific band was detected for Pro-MMP-12 at approximately 54 kDa (as indicated). This experiment was conducted under reducing conditions and using <a href="#">Immunoblot Buffer Group 8</a>.</p>	 <p><b>MMP-12 in Human Squamous Cell Carcinoma.</b> MMP-12 was detected in immersion fixed paraffin-embedded sections of human squamous cell carcinoma using Goat Anti-Human MMP-12 Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF917) at 10 µg/mL overnight at 4 °C. Before incubation with the primary antibody, tissue was subjected to heat-induced epitope retrieval using Antigen Retrieval Reagent-Basic (Catalog # CTS013). Tissue was stained using the Anti-Goat HRP-DAB Cell &amp; Tissue Staining Kit (brown; Catalog # CTS008) and counterstained with hematoxylin (blue). Specific staining was localized to cancer cells. View our protocol for <a href="#">Chromogenic IHC Staining of Paraffin-embedded Tissue Sections</a>.</p>

#### PREPARATION AND STORAGE

<b>Reconstitution</b>	Reconstitute at 0.2 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

Matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) are a family of zinc and calcium dependent endopeptidases with the combined ability to degrade all the components of the extracellular matrix. MMP-12 (macrophage elastase) is found in macrophages and its expression in monocytes can be induced by cytokines such as GM-CSF and CD40 signaling (1). In addition to elastin, MMP-12 can degrade a broad spectrum of substrates, including type IV collagen, fibronectin, laminin, vitronectin, proteoglycans, chondroitin sulfate, myelin basic protein,  $\alpha_1$ -antitrypsin, and plasminogen. It can also activate MMP-2 and MMP-3. MMP-12 is required for macrophage-mediated proteolysis and matrix invasion in mice. MMP-12 is proposed to have a direct role in the pathogenesis of aortic aneurysms and in the development of pulmonary emphysema that results from chronic inhalation of cigarette smoke. Structurally, the pro MMP-12 consists of following domains: a pro domain, a catalytic domain containing the zinc-binding site, and a C-terminal hemopexin-like domain. The rhMMP-12 corresponds to the pro form that can be activated by autocatalysis under the conditions described above.

#### References:

1. S.D. Shapiro *et al.* (2004) in *Handbook of Proteolytic Enzymes* (eds. A.J. Barrett *et al.*) pp.540 - 544, Academic Press, San Diego.