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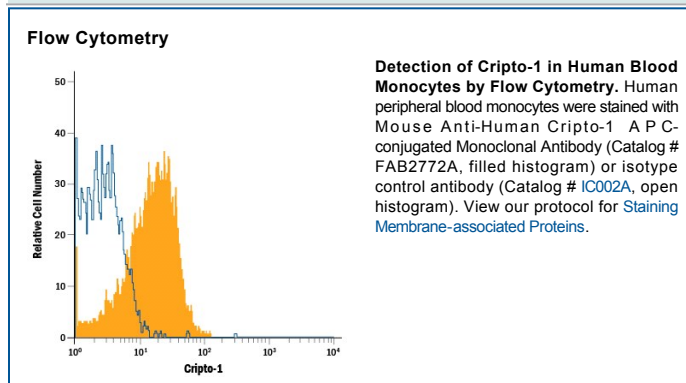
Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects human Cripto-1 in ELISAs. In sandwich immunoassays, this antibody does not cross-react with recombinant mouse (rm) Cripto-1, recombinant human (rh) EGF, rhTGF- α , rhTGF- β 1, rhTGF- β 2, rhTGF- β 3, or rhCryptic.
Source	Monoclonal Mouse IgG ₁ Clone # 89633
Purification	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
Immunogen	<i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant human Cripto-1 Arg38-Tyr188 Accession # P13385
Conjugate	Allophycocyanin Excitation Wavelength: 620-650 nm Emission Wavelength: 660-670 nm
Formulation	Supplied in a saline solution containing BSA and Sodium Azide. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *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.

	Recommended Concentration	Sample
Flow Cytometry	10 μ L/10 ⁶ cells	See Below

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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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied.

BACKGROUND

Cripto-1 is the founding member of the Epidermal Growth Factor-CriptoFRL1Cryptic (EGF-CFC) family of signaling proteins that function in cancer and various developmental processes. These developmental processes include: formation of the germ layers and dorsal organizer, specification of anterior-posterior and left-right axes, and differentiation of heart muscle (1, 2). Other members of the EGF-CFC family include Cryptic, *Xenopus* FRL-1 and zebrafish OEP (One-Eyed Pinhead). Overall sequence identity between members of the family is low, but they do share several common domains: a variant EGF-like motif, a novel conserved cysteine-rich domain (called CFC domain), and a C-terminal hydrophobic region. Most EGF-CFC members have a Glycosyl-Phosphatidylinositol (GPI) anchoring site at the C-terminus and exist as extracellular membrane-anchored proteins. However, naturally-occurring soluble isoforms also exist. Human Cripto-1 shares 66% and 28% amino acid identity with mouse Cripto-1 and zebrafish OEP, respectively (2). Despite weak conservation in amino acid identity, EGF-CFC family members appear to function similarly in assays for phenotypic rescue of zebrafish *oep* mutants (2). Both secreted and membrane bound forms of Cripto-1 demonstrate biological activity (3). Cripto-1, also known as CFC-2 or TDGF-1 (Teratocarcinoma-Derived Growth Factor 1), was originally isolated from an undifferentiated human teratocarcinoma cell line as a potential oncogene. It is overexpressed in many types of cancers and acts as a growth factor for tumors (4). Genetic evidence from mice and zebrafish points to a role for Cripto-1 as an essential cofactor in Nodal signaling. Cripto-1 and OEP mutants display defects in mesoderm induction and heart morphogenesis, similar to phenotypes seen in Nodal mutants (2). Cripto-1 acts as a cofactor for Nodal by recruiting the Activin type I Receptor, ALK-4, leading to an Act RIIb-ALK4-Cripto-Nodal complex for signaling (1, 3). Cripto-1 also forms a complex with Activin and Act RIIs to block Activin signaling (5). Studies have shown that other TGF- β superfamily members such as Vg1 and GDF-1 also require EGF-CFC cofactors (6). Cripto-1 can also activate Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase (MAPK) and Akt pathways independently of Nodal by directly binding to a membrane-associated heparan sulfate proteoglycan, Glypican-1 (7).

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