**BACKGROUND**

Pituitary growth hormone (GH, also designated somatotropin) plays a crucial role in stimulating and controlling the growth, metabolism and differentiation of many mammalian cell types by modulating the synthesis of multiple mRNA species. These effects are mediated by the binding of GH to its membrane-bound receptor, GHR, and involve a phosphorylation cascade that results in the modulation of numerous signaling pathways. GH is secreted in a pulsatile pattern which is tightly controlled by the interplay of GH-releasing hormone (GHRH) and somatostatin (SRIF). GHRH and SRIF are the primary hypothalamic factors that determine GH secretion from the somatotroph and regulate GH synthesis and secretory reserve. GH output is also highly sensitive to feedback control by GH itself, as well as by insulin-like growth factor I. GH is synthesized by acidophilic or somatotropic cells of the anterior pituitary gland. Human growth hormone contains 191 amino acid residues with two disulfide bridges.

**REFERENCES**


**CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: GH1/GH2 (human) mapping to 17q24.2; Gh (mouse) mapping to 11 D.

**SOURCE**

GH (GH-Px-2) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against GH of human origin.

**PRODUCT**

Each vial contains 100 µg IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

**APPLICATIONS**

GH (GH-Px-2) is recommended for detection of GH of human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2 µg per 100-500 µg of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)], immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and immunohistochemistry (including paraffin-embedded sections) (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500); also recommended for detection of horseradish peroxidase.

Molecular Weight of GH predominant form: 22 kDa.

Molecular Weight of GH secondary form (due to alternate splicing): 20 kDa.

**RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS**

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2005 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:32,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2031 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunoprecipitation: use Protein A/G PLUS-Agarose: sc-2003 (0.5 ml agarose/2.0 ml). 3) Immunofluorescence: use goat anti-mouse IgG-FITC: sc-2010 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-mouse IgG-TR: sc-2781 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941. 4) Immunohistochemistry: use ImmunoCruz™: sc-2050 or ABC: sc-2017 mouse IgG Staining Systems.

**DATA**


**STORAGE**

Store at 4° C, **DO NOT FREEZE**. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

**RESEARCH USE**

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.