

## BACKGROUND

Eph family of receptor tyrosine kinases consists of at least 14 distinct receptors and has eight membrane-bound ligands, known as the ephrins. This is the largest family of receptor tyrosine kinases. Eph proteins are divided into two subfamilies: the EphA receptors (A1-A8) that bind glycosyl phosphatidylinositol (GPI)-linked ephrin-A ligands (A1-A5), and the EphB receptors (B1-B6) that bind transmembrane ephrin-B ligands (B1-B3). The only known crosstalk between the A and B subfamilies occurs with the EphA4 receptor, which can bind ephrins-B2 and -B3 as well as the entire A subclass. There is a great deal of redundancy of receptor-ligand binding specificity within each subfamily, although binding affinities vary.<sup>1,2</sup> Both GPI-anchored ephrinA and transmembrane ephrinB ligands interact with the Nterminal globular domain (Glob) of Eph receptors. The Eph receptors become phosphorylated at specific tyrosine residues in the cytoplasmic domain following ligand binding. Phosphorylated motifs serve as sites of interaction with certain cytoplasmic signaling proteins to mediate downstream signaling. In addition, through their C terminus the Eph receptors associate with PDZ (postsynaptic density protein, disc large, zona occludens) domain-containing proteins. Moreover, Eph receptor contact induces tyrosine phosphorylation of the cytoplasmic domain of ephrinB proteins via an SRC-family kinase (SFK), which mediating the reverse signaling. One of the unique features of Eph/ephrin signaling is the fact that both receptors and ligands are competent to transduce a signaling cascade upon interaction. Eph-activated signaling is termed forward, and ephrin-activated signaling is termed reverse. Another level of complexity stems from the fact that interactions between Eph receptors and ephrins can happen in trans (between two opposing cells) or in cis (within the same cell). It is commonly assumed that trans interactions are activating while cis interactions are inhibiting.<sup>3</sup> Eph-Ephrin signaling functions in a variety of biological processes including diverse assegmentation of the somites and rhombomeres, the formation of blood vessels, Axon guidance and fasciculation, migration of the neural crest and metastasis of transformed cells etc.

EphB2 signaling is critical for establishing boundaries between segments of the vertebrate hindbrain. Early-migrating EphB2-expressing neural crest cells are repelled by ephrin-B2 ligands expressed in the caudal somatic compartment. Recently it was demonstrated that EphB2 and ephrin-B2 signaling mediates glial scarring after spinal cord injury, suggesting EphB and ephrin-B are also involved in pathological conditions in the central nervous system. EphB2 was also found to be expressed in glioma cells. Phosphorylation of EphB2 is correlated with migration and invasion, whereas blocking of EphB2 activation inhibits glioma invasion *in vitro*.<sup>4</sup>

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## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### Source:

EphB2 Antibody is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against purified recombinant human EphB2 fragments expressed in *E. coli*.

### Specificity and Sensitivity:

This antibody detects endogenous EphB2 proteins in cells without cross-reactivity with other family members.

**Storage Buffer:** PBS and 30% glycerol

### Storage:

Store at -20°C for at least one year. Store at 4°C for frequent use. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

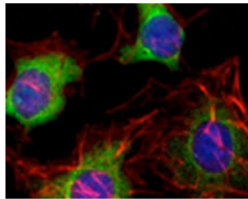
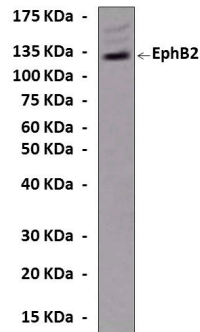
## APPLICATIONS

Application:	*Dilution:
WB	1:1000
IP	n/d
IHC	n/d
ICC	1:200
FACS	n/d

*\*Optimal dilutions must be determined by end user.*



## QUALITY CONTROL DATA



**Top:** Western Blot detection of overexpressed EphB2 proteins in 293 lysates using EphB2 Antibody.  
**Bottom:** This antibody stains HepG2 cells in confocal immunofluorescent analysis (EphB2 Antibody: Green; Actin filament: Red; DRAQ5 DNA dye: Blue).

