

BACKGROUND

Regenerating gene (*Reg*), which is expressed in regenerating pancreatic islet, was first identified in the screening of regenerating islet-derived cDNA library taken from 90% depancreatized rat. *Reg* and *Reg*-related genes constitute a family within the superfamily of calcium-dependent lectin (C-type lectin). The C-type lectins are involved in several complex events, such as human malignancy and other diseases. The *Reg* gene family consists of a group of acute phase reactants, lectins, antiapoptotic factors, or growth factors for pancreatic islet cells, neural cells, and epithelial cells in the digestive system. Until now, 17 members of the *Reg* family have been identified and classified into four classes (*Reg* I-IV), based on the primary structures of the encoded proteins. *Reg* I proteins have two members of human *REG* I gene, *REG1A* and *REG1B*. Regenerating gene I alpha (*REG1A*) encodes a 166-amino-acid protein with a 22-amino-acid signal sequence. The *REG1A* protein is identical to the pancreatic thread protein, pancreatic stone protein, or protein X, and is highly represented in human pancreatic secretion. *REG1A* protein is a known growth factor affecting pancreatic islet beta cells and is secreted by the exocrine pancreas. It is associated with islet cell regeneration and diabetogenesis and may be involved in pancreatic lithogenesis. The *REG1B* gene codes for a transcript with 87% homology to the *REG1A* transcript. The secretory *Reg* I protein is synthesized in the regenerating beta cells, and through the *Reg* I receptor, stimulates the proliferation of pancreatic beta cells, leading to an increase in the beta cells mass in 90% depancreatized rats and nonobese diabetic mice and hence amelioration of experimental diabetes. *Reg* family members *REG1B*, *REGL*, *PAP* and *REG1A* are tandemly clustered on chromosome 2p12 and may have arisen from the same ancestral gene by gene duplication.¹

In addition, *REG1A* expression also has been observed in various tumors. *EXTL3* encodes the receptor to which the *REG1A* protein binds. Both *REG1A* and *EXTL3*, are overexpressed in colorectal tumors of patients who are at high risk of recurrence. It was demonstrated that *REG1A* is a molecular marker of prognostic value and is associated with peritoneal carcinomatosis in colorectal cancer (CRC).² Moreover high levels of *REG1A* expression by tumor cells are an independent predictor of a poor prognosis in patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).³

References:

1. Yuan, R.H. et al: Clin. Cancer Res. 11:2568-75, 2005
2. Astrosini, C. et al : Int. J. Cancer 123:409-13, 2008
3. Minamiya, Y. et al: Lung Cancer 60:98-104, 2008

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Source:

REG1A Antibody is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against recombinant human *REG1A* fragments expressed in *E. coli*.

Specificity and Sensitivity:

This antibody detects endogenous *REG1A* proteins without cross-reactivity with other family members.

Storage Buffer: PBS and 30% glycerol

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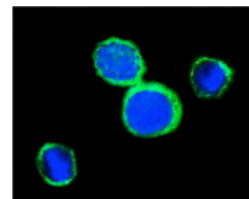
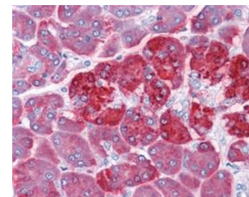
Store at -20°C for at least one year. Store at 4°C for frequent use. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

APPLICATIONS

Application:	*Dilution:
WB	1:1000
IP	1:50
IHC	1:50-200
ICC	1:50-200
FACS	n/d

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

QUALITY CONTROL DATA



Top: Immunohistochemical analysis of paraffin-embedded human pancreas tissue using *REG1A* Antibody. **Bottom:** This antibody stains PC12 cells in confocal immunofluorescent analysis (*REG1A* Antibody: Green; DRAQ5 DNA Dye: Blue).

