

## Monoclonal Anti-Brain-derived Neurotrophic Factor Clone 35928.11

produced in mouse, purified immunoglobulin

Catalog Number **B5050**

### Product Description

Monoclonal Anti-Brain-derived Neurotrophic Factor (BDNF) (IgG1 isotype) is purified from a mouse hybridoma. Recombinant human BDNF expressed in Sf 21 insect cells was used as immunogen. The antibody is purified by Protein A affinity chromatography.

Monoclonal Anti-Brain-derived Neurotrophic Factor detects human BDNF in immunoblotting, immunohistochemistry, and ELISAs. The antibody shows ~5% cross-reactivity with recombinant human  $\beta$ -NGF and recombinant rat  $\beta$ -NGF.

Brain-derived neurotrophic factor is a member of the neurotrophin family of growth factors that includes NGF, NT-3, and NT-4. All neurotrophins have six conserved cysteine residues and share a 55% sequence identity at the amino acid level. BDNF has been shown to enhance the survival and differentiation of several classes of neurons *in vitro*, including neural crest and placode-derived sensory neurons, dopaminergic neurons in the substantia nigra, basal forebrain cholinergic neurons, hippocampal neurons, and retinal ganglial cells.<sup>1</sup> BDNF is expressed within peripheral ganglia and is not restricted to neuronal target fields, raising the possibility that BDNF has paracrine, or even autocrine, actions on neurons as well as non-neuronal cells.<sup>2</sup>

### Reagent

Supplied lyophilized from phosphate buffered saline with 5% trehalose.

### Precautions and Disclaimer

This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

### Preparation Instructions

To one vial of lyophilized powder, add 1 mL of 0.2  $\mu$ M filtered phosphate buffered saline to produce a 0.5 mg/mL stock solution of antibody. If aseptic technique is used, no further filtration should be needed for use in cell culture environments.

### Storage/Stability

Prior to reconstitution, store at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Reconstituted product may be stored at  $2-8^{\circ}\text{C}$  for up to one month. For prolonged storage, freeze in working aliquots at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Avoid repeated freezing and thawing.

### Results

Indirect ELISA: a working concentration of 0.5 -1  $\mu$ g/mL is recommended. The detection limit is ~3 ng/well for recombinant human BDNF

Immunoblotting: a working concentration of 1-2  $\mu$ g/mL is recommended. The detection limit is ~25 ng/lane under non-reducing and reducing conditions. Chemiluminescent detection will increase sensitivity by 5-50 fold.

Immunohistochemistry: a working concentration of ~25  $\mu$ g/mL is recommended to detect BDNF in paraffin-embedded human brain and tissue sections.

### References

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