

Phospho-Beclin-1 (Ser93/96) Antibody



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Applications:	Reactivity:	Sensitivity: Transfected Only	MW (kDa): 60	Source/Isotype: Rabbit	UniProt ID: #Q14457	Entrez-Gene Id 8678
Product Usage Information		Application Western Blotting	Dilution 1:1000			
Storage		Supplied in 10 mM sodium HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 μ g/ml BSA and 50% glycerol. Store at – 20°C. Do not aliquot the antibody.				
Specificity/Sensitivity		Phospho-Beclin-1 (Ser93/96) Antibody recognizes overexpressed levels of Beclin-1 protein only when phosphorylated at Ser93 and Ser96 (Ser91 and Ser94 in mouse). This antibody may react with single phosphorylated Beclin-1 at either Ser93 or Ser96, as well as the double phosphorylated protein. This antibody cross-reacts with a protein of unknown origin at ~40 kDa.				
Species predicted to react based on 100% sequence homology		Mouse, Rat, Monkey, B	ovine, Dog, Pig			
Source / Purification		Polyclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic phosphopeptide corresponding to residues surrounding Ser93/96 of human Beclin-1 protein. Antibodies are purified by protein A and peptide affinity chromatography.				
Background		Autophagy is a catabolic process for the autophagosomic-lysosomal degradation of proteins activated in response to nutrient deprivation and in neurodegenerative conditions (1). One of the proteins critical to this process is Beclin-1, the mammalian orthologue of the yeast autophagy protein Apg6/Vps30 (2). Beclin-1 can complement defects in yeast autophagy caused by loss of Apg6 and can also stimulate autophagy when overexpressed in mammalian cells (3). Mammalian Beclin-1 was originally isolated in a yeast two-hybrid screen for Bcl-2 interacting proteins and has been shown to interact with Bcl-2 and Bcl-xL, but not with Bax or Bak (4). While Beclin-1 is generally ubiquitously expressed, research studies have shown it is monoallelically deleted in 40-75% of sporadic human breast and ovarian cancers (5). Beclin-1 is localized within cytoplasmic structures including the mitochondria, although overexpression of Beclin-1 reveals some nuclear staining and CRM1-dependent nuclear export (6). Investigators have demonstrated that Beclin-1- ^{1-/-} mice die early in embryogenesis and Beclin-1- ^{1-/-} mice have a high incidence of spontaneous tumors. Stem cells from the null mice demonstrate an altered autophagic response, although responses to apoptosis appeared normal (7). Researchers have also found that overexpression of Beclin-1 in virally infected neurons <i>in vivo</i> resulted in significant protection against Sindbis virus-induced disease and neuronal apoptosis (4). To induce autophagy, AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK) directly phosphorylates Beclin-1 at conserved Ser93 and Ser96 residues in human (Ser91 and Ser94 in mouse) (8).				
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Species Reactivity

Species reactivity is determined by testing in at least one approved application (e.g., western blot).

Western Blot Buffer

IMPORTANT: For western blots, incubate membrane with diluted primary antibody in 5% w/v BSA, 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween® 20 at 4°C with gentle shaking, overnight.

Applications Key

W: Western Blotting

Cross-Reactivity Key H: Human

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