Background: The p21-activated kinase (PAK) family of serine/threonine kinases is engaged in multiple cellular processes, including cytoskeletal reorganization, MAPK signaling, apoptotic signaling, control of phagocyte NADPH oxidase and growth factor-induced neurite outgrowth (1,2). Several mechanisms that induce PAK activity have been reported. Binding of Rac/cdc42 to the CRIB (or PBD) domain near the amino terminus of PAK causes autophosphorylation and conformational changes in PAK (1). Phosphorylation of PAK1 at Thr423 by PDK induces activation of PAK1 (3). Several autophosphorylation sites have been identified, including serines 199 and 204 of PAK1 and serines 192 and 197 of PAK2 (4,5). Because the autophosphorylation sites are located in the amino-terminal inhibitory domain, it has been hypothesized that modification in this region prevents the kinase from reverting to an inactive conformation (6). Research indicates that phosphorylation of Ser144 of PAK1 or Ser139 of PAK3 (located in the kinase inhibitory domain) affects kinase from reverting to an inactive conformation. Phosphorylation of Ser21 of PAK1 at Thr423 by PDK induces activation of PAK1 (3). Phosphorylation of Ser474 of PAK4, a site analogous to Thr423 of PAK1-3 in the amino-terminal regulatory region (9). Phosphorylation of Ser199 of PAK2 protein. This antibody does not cross-react with PAK1, PAK3 or PAK4-6. PAK5 and PAK6 have lower sequence similarity with PAK1-3 in the amino-terminal inhibitory domain, it has been hypothesized that modification in this region prevents the kinase from reverting to an inactive conformation (6).

Specificity/Sensitivity: PAK2 Antibody detects endogenous levels of total PAK2 protein. This antibody does not cross-react with PAK1, PAK3 or PAK4-6.

Source/Purification: Polyclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide (KLH-coupled) corresponding to the amino-terminal region of human PAK2. Antibodies are purified by protein A and peptide affinity chromatography.

Selected Application References:

Recommended Antibody Dilutions:
Western Blotting 1:1000
Immunoprecipitation 1:100

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Western blot analysis of extracts from HeLa, NIH/3T3, C6, COS, guinea pig neutrophils (GPN) and HEK293 cells using PAK2 Antibody.


Recommended Antibody References: