

β 3-Tubulin (TU-20) Mouse mAb

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Applications: W, IF-F	Reactivity: H M R	Sensitivity: Endogenous	MW (kDa): 55	Source/Isotype: Mouse IgG1	UniProt ID: #Q13509	Entrez-Gene Id: 10381
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Product Usage Information**Application**

Western Blotting
Immunofluorescence (Frozen)

Dilution

1:1000
1:100 - 1:400

Storage

Supplied in 10 mM sodium HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 μ g/ml BSA, 50% glycerol and less than 0.02% sodium azide. Store at -20°C . Do not aliquot the antibody. This product is stable for 60 months when stored at -20°C .

Specificity/Sensitivity

β 3-Tubulin (TU-20) Mouse mAb detects endogenous levels of total β 3-tubulin protein.

Source / Purification

Monoclonal antibody is produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide corresponding to the carboxy terminus of human β 3-tubulin protein.

Background

The cytoskeleton consists of three types of cytosolic fibers: microtubules, microfilaments (actin filaments), and intermediate filaments. Globular tubulin subunits comprise the microtubule building block, with α/β -tubulin heterodimers forming the tubulin subunit common to all eukaryotic cells. γ -tubulin is required to nucleate polymerization of tubulin subunits to form microtubule polymers. Many cell movements are mediated by microtubule action, including the beating of cilia and flagella, cytoplasmic transport of membrane vesicles, chromosome alignment during meiosis/mitosis, and nerve-cell axon migration. These movements result from competitive microtubule polymerization and depolymerization or through the actions of microtubule motor proteins (1).

β 3-tubulin (TUBB3) is one of six β -tubulin isoforms and is expressed highly during fetal and postnatal development (axon guidance and maturation) (2). Its expression levels decrease in the adult central nervous system (CNS) but remain high in the peripheral nervous system (PNS) (3). Microtubules enriched in β 3-tubulin are more dynamic than those composed of other β -tubulin isoforms (4). Research studies have shown that mutations in the β 3-tubulin gene *TUBB3* cause ocular motility defects and other nervous system disorders. Furthermore, β 3-tubulin is present in neoplastic but not in normal differentiated glial cells. Thus, β 3-tubulin is a great neuronal marker (5).

Background References

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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 **IF-F:** Immunofluorescence (Frozen)

Cross-Reactivity Key

H: Human **M:** Mouse **R:** Rat

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