

β-Actin (13E5) Rabbit mAb (Biotinylated)

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Applications:	Reactivity:	Sensitivity:	MW (kDa):	Source/Isotype:	UniProt ID:	Entrez-Gene Id:
W	H M R Mk B Pg	Endogenous	45	Rabbit IgG	#P60709	60

Product Usage Information

Application
Western Blotting

Dilution
1:1000

Storage

Supplied in 140 mM NaCl, 3 mM KCl, 10 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.4) dibasic, 2 mM potassium phosphate monobasic, 2 mg/mL BSA, and 50% glycerol. Store at -20°C. *Do not aliquot the antibody.*

Specificity/Sensitivity

β-Actin (13E5) Rabbit mAb (Biotinylated) detects endogenous levels of total β-actin protein. Despite the high sequence identity between the cytoplasmic actin isoforms, β-actin and cytoplasmic γ-actin, β-Actin (13E5) Rabbit mAb (Biotinylated) #5057 does not cross-react with cytoplasmic γ-actin, or any other actin isoforms.

Species predicted to react based on 100% sequence homology

Hamster, Chicken, Dog, Horse, Rabbit

Source / Purification

Monoclonal antibody is produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide corresponding to residues near the amino-terminus of human β-actin.

Description

This Cell Signaling Technology (CST) antibody is conjugated to biotin under optimal conditions. The biotinylated antibody is expected to exhibit the same species cross-reactivity as the unconjugated antibody (β-Actin (13E5) Rabbit mAb #4970).

Background

Actin, a ubiquitous eukaryotic protein, is the major component of the cytoskeleton. At least six isoforms are known in mammals. Nonmuscle β- and γ-actin, also known as cytoplasmic actin, are ubiquitously expressed, controlling cell structure and motility (1). While all actin isoforms are highly homologous, cytoplasmic β- and γ-actin protein sequences differ by only four biochemically similar amino acids (2). For this reason, antibodies raised to β-actin may cross-react with γ-actin, and vice versa. α-cardiac and α-skeletal actin are expressed in striated cardiac and skeletal muscles, respectively; two smooth muscle actins, α- and γ-actin, are found primarily in vascular smooth muscle and enteric smooth muscle, respectively. These actin isoforms regulate the contractile potential of muscle cells (1). Actin exists mainly as a fibrous polymer, F-actin. In response to cytoskeletal reorganizing signals during processes such as cytokinesis, endocytosis, or stress, cofilin promotes fragmentation and depolymerization of F-actin, resulting in an increase in the monomeric globular form, G-actin (3). The ARP2/3 complex stabilizes F-actin fragments and promotes formation of new actin filaments (3). Research studies have shown that actin is hyperphosphorylated in primary breast tumors (4). Cleavage of actin under apoptotic conditions has been observed *in vitro* and in cardiac and skeletal muscle, as shown in research studies (5-7). Actin cleavage by caspase-3 may accelerate ubiquitin/proteasome-dependent muscle proteolysis (7).

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

Cross-Reactivity Key

H: Human **M:** Mouse **R:** Rat **Mk:** Monkey **B:** Bovine **Pg:** Pig

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