

**eIF2 $\alpha$  (D7D3) XP<sup>®</sup> Rabbit mAb (Biotinylated)**

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Applications:	Reactivity:	Sensitivity:	MW (kDa):	Source/Isotype:	UniProt ID:	Entrez-Gene Id:
W	H M R Mk	Endogenous	38	Rabbit IgG	#P05198	1965

**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**

eIF2 $\alpha$  (D7D3) XP<sup>®</sup> Rabbit mAb (Biotinylated) detects endogenous levels of total eIF2 $\alpha$  protein.

**Source / Purification**

Monoclonal antibody is produced by immunizing animals with a purified recombinant human eIF2 $\alpha$  protein.

**Description**

This Cell Signaling Technology antibody is conjugated to biotin under optimal conditions. The biotinylated antibody is expected to exhibit the same species cross-reactivity as the unconjugated eIF2 $\alpha$  (D7D3) XP<sup>®</sup> Rabbit mAb #5324.

**Background**

Phosphorylation of the eukaryotic initiation factor 2 (eIF2)  $\alpha$  subunit is a well-documented mechanism to downregulate protein synthesis under a variety of stress conditions. eIF2 binds GTP and Met-tRNA<sup>i</sup> and transfers Met-tRNA to the 40S subunit to form the 43S preinitiation complex (1,2). eIF2 promotes a new round of translation initiation by exchanging GDP for GTP, a reaction catalyzed by eIF2B (1,2). Kinases that are activated by viral infection (PKR), endoplasmic reticulum stress (PERK/PEK), amino acid deprivation (GCN2), or heme deficiency (HRI) can phosphorylate the  $\alpha$  subunit of eIF2 (3,4). This phosphorylation stabilizes the eIF2-GDP-eIF2B complex and inhibits the turnover of eIF2B. Induction of PKR by IFN- $\gamma$  and TNF- $\alpha$  induces potent phosphorylation of eIF2 $\alpha$  at Ser51 (5,6).

**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

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