

**AIM2 Antibody (Mouse Specific)**

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<b>Applications:</b> W, IP	<b>Reactivity:</b> M	<b>Sensitivity:</b> Endogenous	<b>MW (kDa):</b> 43	<b>Source/Isotype:</b> Rabbit	<b>UniProt ID:</b> #O14862	<b>Entrez-Gene Id:</b> 9447
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**Product Usage Information****Application**

Western Blotting  
Immunoprecipitation

**Dilution**

1:1000  
1:100

**Storage**

Supplied in 10 mM sodium HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 µg/ml BSA and 50% glycerol. Store at -20°C. Do not aliquot the antibody.

**Specificity/Sensitivity**

AIM2 Antibody (Mouse Specific) recognizes endogenous levels of total AIM2 protein.

**Source / Purification**

Polyclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide corresponding to residues surrounding Val104 of mouse AIM2 protein. Antibodies are purified by protein A and peptide affinity chromatography.

**Background**

Absent in melanoma 2 (AIM2) is an interferon-inducible protein containing an amino-terminal pyrin domain and carboxy-terminal HIN-200 domain that functions in innate immunity and tumor progression (1). Expression of AIM2 can inhibit cell growth and tumor formation (2,3). Furthermore, the *AIM2* gene has a high frequency of mutations associated with microsatellite-unstable colorectal cancers (4). AIM2 has a critical role in the activation of caspase-1, the protease responsible for the processing of pro-inflammatory cytokines IL-1 $\beta$  and IL-18. Caspase-1 activation is regulated by multi-protein complexes referred to as "inflammasomes" (5,6). Distinct inflammasome complexes have been described containing NLRP1/NALP1, NLRP3/NALP3, IPAF, and AIM2. The HIN-200 domain of AIM2 is responsible for binding to cytoplasmic double-stranded DNA, resulting in caspase-1 activation. (7-9). This inflammasome complex also involves binding of the pyrin domain of AIM2 to the CARD-domain protein ASC/TMS1, which then interacts directly with caspase-1. As a result, AIM2 has been demonstrated to be an important sensor for a number of different pathogens (10-12).

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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 **IP:** Immunoprecipitation

**Cross-Reactivity Key**

**M:** Mouse

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