

α -Smooth Muscle Actin Antibody

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Applications:	Reactivity:	Sensitivity:	MW (kDa):	Source/Isotype:	UniProt ID:	Entrez-Gene Id:
W	H M R	Endogenous	42	Rabbit	#P62736	59

Product Usage Information

Application
Western Blotting

Dilution
1:1000

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

α -Smooth Muscle Actin Antibody recognizes endogenous levels of total α -smooth muscle actin protein.

Source / Purification

Polyclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide corresponding to residues near the amino terminus of human α -smooth muscle actin protein. Antibodies are purified by protein A and peptide affinity chromatography.

Background

Actin proteins are major components of the eukaryotic cytoskeleton. At least six vertebrate actin isoforms have been identified. The cytoplasmic β - and γ -actin proteins are referred to as "non-muscle" actin proteins as they are predominantly expressed in non-muscle cells where they control cell structure and motility (1). The α -cardiac and α -skeletal actin proteins are expressed in striated cardiac and skeletal muscles, respectively. The smooth muscle α -actin and γ -actin proteins are found primarily in vascular smooth muscle and enteric smooth muscle, respectively. The α -smooth muscle actin (ACTA2) is also known as aortic smooth muscle actin. These actin isoforms regulate the contractile potential of muscle cells (1).

Background References

1. Herman, I.M. (1993) *Curr Opin Cell Biol* 5, 48-55.

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

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