## Phospho-Akt (Tyr326) Antibody



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Applications:	Reactivity:	Sensitivity: Endogenous	<b>MW (kDa):</b> 60	Source/Isotype: Rabbit	UniProt ID: #P31749	Entrez-Gene Id: 207
Product Usage Information		Application Western Blotting		<b>Dilution</b> 1:1000		
Storage		Supplied in 10 mM sodium HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 $\mu$ g/ml BSA and 50% glycerol. Store at – 20°C. Do not aliquot the antibody.				
Specificity/Sensitivity		Phospho-Akt (Tyr326) Antibody detects endogenous levels of Akt only when phosphorylated at Tyr326. This antibody does not detect Akt phosphorylated at other sites.				
Species predicted to react based on 100% sequence homology		Human, Rat				

Source / Purification

Polyclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic phosphopeptide corresponding to residues surrounding Tyr326 of Akt. Antibodies are purified by protein A and peptide affinity chromatography.

**Background** 

Akt, also referred to as PKB or Rac, plays a critical role in controlling cell survival and apoptosis (1-3). This protein kinase is activated by insulin and various growth and survival factors to function in a wortmannin-sensitive pathway involving PI3 kinase (2,3). Akt is activated by phospholipid binding and activation loop phosphorylation at Thr308 by PDK1 (4) and by phosphorylation within the carboxy terminus at Ser473. The previously elusive PDK2 responsible for phosphorylation of Akt at Ser473 has been identified as mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) in a rapamycin-insensitive complex with rictor and Sin1 (5,6). Akt promotes cell survival by inhibiting apoptosis through phosphorylation and inactivation of several targets, including Bad (7), forkhead transcription factors (8), c-Raf (9), and caspase-9. PTEN phosphatase is a major negative regulator of the PI3K/Akt signaling pathway (10). LY294002 is a specific PI3 kinase inhibitor (11). Another essential Akt function is the regulation of glycogen synthesis through phosphorylation and inactivation of GSK-3 $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  (12,13). Akt may also play a role in insulin stimulation of glucose transport (12). In addition to its role in survival and glycogen synthesis, Akt is involved in cell cycle regulation by preventing GSK-3β-mediated phosphorylation and degradation of cyclin D1 (14) and by negatively regulating the cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitors p27 Kip1 (15) and p21 Waf1/Cip1 (16). Akt also plays a critical role in cell growth by directly phosphorylating mTOR in a rapamycin-sensitive complex containing raptor (17). More importantly, Akt phosphorylates and inactivates tuberin (TSC2), an inhibitor of mTOR within the mTORraptor complex (18,19).

The SH3 domain of the tyrosine kinase Src interacts with a PXXP motif of Akt, and Src activates Akt by phosphorylating Tyr315 and Tyr326. These phosphorylation events are thought to occur prior to the phosphorylation of Thr308 and Ser473 (20). In addition, Src inhibits PTEN, which results in a decrease of dephosphorylation of PtdIns and increased phosphorylation of Akt (21).

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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** 

M: Mouse

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