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α -Smooth Muscle Actin (1A4) Mouse mAb (Alexa Fluor® 488 Conjugate)



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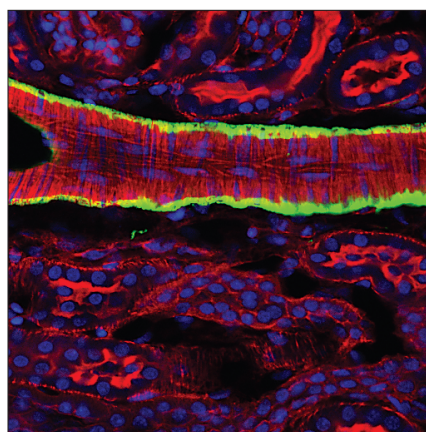
Isotype
Mouse IgG2a

Description: This Cell Signaling Technology antibody is conjugated to Alexa Fluor® 488 fluorescent dye and tested in-house for direct immunofluorescence analysis in human cells. This antibody is expected to exhibit the same species cross-reactivity as the unconjugated α -Smooth Muscle Actin (1A4) Mouse mAb #56856.

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).

Specificity/Sensitivity: α -Smooth Muscle Actin (1A4) Mouse mAb (Alexa Fluor® 488 Conjugate) recognizes endogenous levels of total α -smooth muscle actin protein.

Source/Purification: Monoclonal antibody is produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide corresponding to residues near the amino terminus of human α -smooth muscle protein.



Confocal immunofluorescent analysis of a blood vessel in mouse kidney using α -Smooth Muscle Actin (1A4) Mouse mAb (Alexa Fluor® 488 Conjugate) (green). Actin filaments were labeled with DyLight™ 554 Phalloidin #13054 (red). Blue pseudocolor = DRAQ5® #4084 (fluorescent DNA dye).

Storage: Supplied in PBS (pH 7.2), less than 0.1% sodium azide and 2 mg/ml BSA. Store at 4°C. Do not aliquot the antibody. Protect from light. Do not freeze.

***Species cross-reactivity is determined by western blot using the unconjugated antibody.**

Recommended Antibody Dilutions:

Immunofluorescence (IF-F) 1:50

For product specific protocols and a complete listing of recommended companion products please see the product web page at www.cellsignal.com

Background References:

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

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