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β -Actin (D6A8) Rabbit mAb

For Research Use Only. Not for Use in Diagnostic Procedures.

Applications: W, IF-IC, FC-FP	Reactivity: H M R Mk Dm Z	Sensitivity: Endogenous	MW (kDa): 45	Source/Isotype: Rabbit IgG	UniProt ID: #P60709	Entrez-Gene Id: 60
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Product Usage Information

Application

Western Blotting
Immunofluorescence (Immunocytochemistry)
Flow Cytometry (Fixed/Permeabilized)

Dilution

1:1000
1:100 - 1:200
1:50 - 1:200

Storage

Supplied in 10 mM sodium HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 μ g/ml BSA, 50% glycerol and less than 0.02% sodium azide. Store at -20°C . Do not aliquot the antibody.

For a carrier free (BSA and azide free) version of this product see product #19069.

Specificity/Sensitivity

β -Actin (D6A8) Rabbit mAb recognizes endogenous levels of total β -actin protein. Due to the high sequence identity between the cytoplasmic actin isoforms, β -actin and cytoplasmic γ -actin, this antibody may cross-react with cytoplasmic γ -actin. It does not cross-react with α -skeletal, α -cardiac, α -vascular smooth, or γ -enteric smooth muscle isoforms.

Species predicted to react based on 100% sequence homology

Hamster, Chicken, Bovine, Pig

Source / Purification

Monoclonal antibody is produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide corresponding to residues near the amino terminus of human β -actin protein.

Background

Actin, a ubiquitous eukaryotic protein, is the major component of the cytoskeleton. At least six isoforms are known in mammals. Nonmuscle β - and γ -actin, also known as cytoplasmic actin, are ubiquitously expressed, controlling cell structure and motility (1). While all actin isoforms are highly homologous, cytoplasmic β - and γ -actin protein sequences differ by only four biochemically similar amino acids (2). For this reason, antibodies raised to β -actin may cross-react with γ -actin, and vice versa. α -cardiac and α -skeletal actin are expressed in striated cardiac and skeletal muscles, respectively; two smooth muscle actins, α - and γ -actin, are found primarily in vascular smooth muscle and enteric smooth muscle, respectively. These actin isoforms regulate the contractile potential of muscle cells (1). Actin exists mainly as a fibrous polymer, F-actin. In response to cytoskeletal reorganizing signals during processes such as cytokinesis, endocytosis, or stress, cofilin promotes fragmentation and depolymerization of F-actin, resulting in an increase in the monomeric globular form, G-actin (3). The ARP2/3 complex stabilizes F-actin fragments and promotes formation of new actin filaments (3). Research studies have shown that actin is hyperphosphorylated in primary breast tumors (4). Cleavage of actin under apoptotic conditions has been observed *in vitro* and in cardiac and skeletal muscle, as shown in research studies (5-7). Actin cleavage by caspase-3 may accelerate ubiquitin/proteasome-dependent muscle proteolysis (7).

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 **IF-IC:** Immunofluorescence (Immunocytochemistry) **FC-FP:** Flow Cytometry (Fixed/Permeabilized)

Cross-Reactivity Key

H: Human **M:** Mouse **R:** Rat **Mk:** Monkey **Dm:** D. melanogaster **Z:** Zebrafish

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