

β -Actin (13E5) Rabbit mAb (Alexa Fluor® 488 Conjugate)



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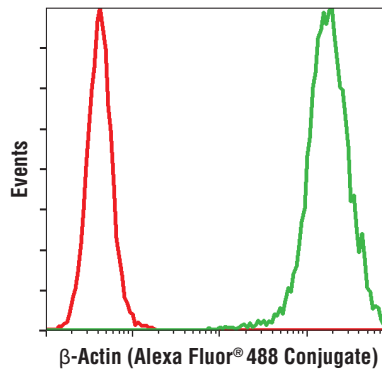
Applications	Species Cross-Reactivity*	Isotype
IF-IC, F Endogenous	H, M, R, Mk, B, Pg, (C, Dg, Hr)	Rabbit IgG

Description: This Cell Signaling Technology antibody is conjugated to Alexa Fluor® 488 fluorescent dye and tested in-house for direct flow cytometry and immunofluorescent analysis in human and monkey cells, respectively. The antibody is expected to exhibit the same species cross-reactivity as the unconjugated β -Actin (13E5) Rabbit mAb #4970.

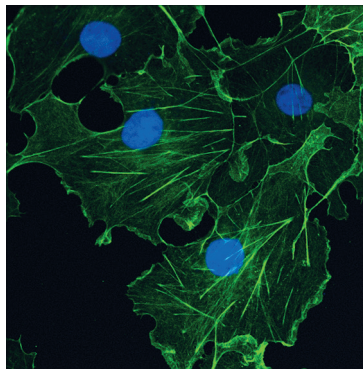
Background: Actin, a ubiquitous eukaryotic protein, is the major component of the cytoskeleton. At least six isoforms are known in mammals. Nonmuscle β - and γ -actin, also known as cytoplasmic actin, are predominantly expressed in nonmuscle cells, controlling cell structure and motility (1). α -cardiac 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 (2). The Arp2/3 complex stabilizes F-actin fragments and promotes formation of new actin filaments (2). It has been reported that actin is hyperphosphorylated in primary breast tumors (3). Cleavage of actin under apoptotic conditions has been observed *in vitro* and in cardiac and skeletal muscle (4-6). Actin cleavage by caspase-3 may accelerate ubiquitin/proteasome-dependent muscle proteolysis (6).

Specificity/Sensitivity: β -Actin (13E5) Rabbit mAb (Alexa Fluor® 488 Conjugate) detects endogenous levels of total β -actin protein. This antibody may cross-react with γ -actin (cytoplasmic isoform). It does not cross-react with α -skeletal, α -cardiac, α -vascular smooth, or γ -enteric smooth muscle isoforms.

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.



Flow cytometric analysis of HeLa cells using β -Actin (13E5) Rabbit mAb (Alexa Fluor® 488 Conjugate) (green) compared to concentration-matched Rabbit (DA1E) mAb IgG XP® Isotype Control (Alexa Fluor® 488 Conjugate) #2975 (red).



Confocal immunofluorescent analysis of COS-7 cells using β -Actin (13E5) Rabbit mAb (Alexa Fluor® 488 Conjugate) (green). Blue pseudocolor = DRAQ5® #4084 (fluorescent DNA dye).

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UniProt ID #P60709

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

***Species cross-reactivity other than human and monkey are determined by western blot using the unconjugated antibody.**

Recommended Antibody Dilutions:

Immunofluorescence (IF-IC)	1:50
IF Protocol:	Methanol Permeabilization required
Flow Cytometry	1:50

For application specific protocols please see the web page for this product at www.cellsignal.com.

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Background References:

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