p44/42 MAPK (Erk1/2) Antibody

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**Applications:** WB, IP

**Reactivity:** H M R Hm Mk Mi Z B Pg Sc

**Sensitivity:** Endogenous

**MW (kDa):** 42, 44

**Source:** Rabbit

**UniProt ID:** #P27361, #P28482

**Entrez-Gene Id:** 5595, 5594

**Product Usage Information**

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**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**

p44/42 MAPK (Erk1/2) Antibody detects endogenous levels of total p44/42 MAP kinase (Erk1/Erk2) protein. In some cell types, this antibody recognizes p44 MAPK more readily than p42 MAPK. The antibody does not recognize either JNK/SAPK or p38 MAP kinase.

**Source / Purification**

Polyclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide corresponding to a sequence in the C-terminus of rat p44 MAP Kinase. Antibodies are purified by protein A and peptide affinity chromatography.

**Background**

Mitogen-activated protein kinases (MAPKs) are a widely conserved family of serine/threonine protein kinases involved in many cellular programs, such as cell proliferation, differentiation, motility, and death. The p44/42 MAPK (Erk1/2) signaling pathway can be activated in response to a diverse range of extracellular stimuli, including mitogens, growth factors, and cytokines (1-3), and research investigators consider it an important target in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer (4). Upon stimulation, a sequential three-part protein kinase cascade is initiated, consisting of a MAP kinase kinase kinase (MAP3K), a MAP kinase kinase (MAP2K), and a MAP kinase (MAPK). Multiple p44/42 MAP3Ks have been identified, including members of the Raf family, as well as Mos and Tpl2/COT. MEK1 and MEK2 are the primary MAPKKs in this pathway (5,6). MEK1 and MEK2 activate p44 and p42 through phosphorylation of activation loop residues Thr202/Tyr204 and Thr185/Tyr187, respectively. Several downstream targets of p44/42 have been identified, including p90RSK (7) and the transcription factor Elk-1 (8,9). p44/42 are negatively regulated by a family of dual-specificity (Thr/Tyr) MAPK phosphatases, known as DUSPs or MKPs (10), along with MEK inhibitors, such as U0126 and PD98059.

**Background References**

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