

# p-eIF2 $\alpha$ (Ser 52): sc-101670

## BACKGROUND

The initiation of protein synthesis in eukaryotic cells is regulated by interactions between protein initiation factors and RNA molecules. The eukaryotic initiation complex is composed of three subunits, designated eIF2 $\alpha$ , eIF2 $\beta$  and eIF2 $\gamma$  (eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ , respectively), all of which work in concert to form a ternary complex with GTP and tRNA in the early stages of protein synthesis. eIF2 $\alpha$ , also known as EIF2S1 or EIF2, is a 315 amino acid subunit of the eukaryotic initiation complex that functions to bind tRNA to the 40S ribosomal subunit (in a GTP-dependent manner), thereby initiating translation. In addition, the phosphorylation state of eIF2 $\alpha$  controls the rate of tRNA translation. When eIF2 $\alpha$  is not phosphorylated, translation occurs at a normal rate. However, upon phosphorylation by one of several kinases, eIF2 $\alpha$  is stabilized, thus preventing the GDP/GTP exchange reaction and slowing translation.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: EIF2S1 (human) mapping to 14q23.3; Eif2s1 (mouse) mapping to 12 C3.

## SOURCE

p-eIF2 $\alpha$  (Ser 52) is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against a short amino acid sequence containing phosphorylated Ser 52 of eIF2 $\alpha$  of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 100  $\mu$ g IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

## APPLICATIONS

p-eIF2 $\alpha$  (Ser 52) is recommended for detection of Ser 52 phosphorylated eIF2 $\alpha$  of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2  $\mu$ g per 100-500  $\mu$ g of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)], immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and immunohistochemistry (including paraffin-embedded sections) (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

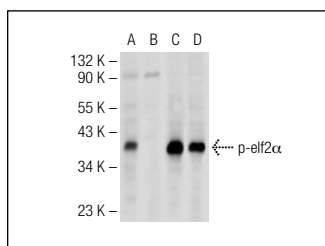
Suitable for use as control antibody for eIF2 $\alpha$  siRNA (h): sc-35272, eIF2 $\alpha$  siRNA (m): sc-35273, eIF2 $\alpha$  shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-35272-SH, eIF2 $\alpha$  shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-35273-SH, eIF2 $\alpha$  shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35272-V and eIF2 $\alpha$  shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35273-V.

Positive Controls: HEK293 whole cell lysate: sc-45136, HeLa whole cell lysate: sc-2200 or IFN $\alpha$ -treated K-562 whole cell lysate.

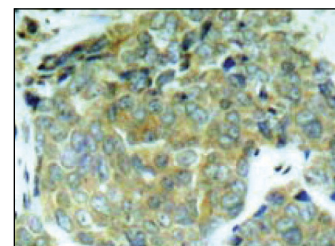
## RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2004 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker<sup>™</sup> compatible goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2030 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker<sup>™</sup> Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto B Blocking Reagent: sc-2335 (use 50 mM NaF, sc-24988, as diluent), Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048 and Lambda Phosphatase: sc-200312A. 2) Immunoprecipitation: use Protein A/G PLUS-Agarose: sc-2003 (0.5 ml agarose/2.0 ml). 3) Immunofluorescence: use goat anti-rabbit IgG-FITC: sc-2012 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-rabbit IgG-TR: sc-2780 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz<sup>™</sup> Mounting Medium: sc-24941. 4) Immunohistochemistry: use ImmunoCruz<sup>™</sup>: sc-2051 or ABC: sc-2018 rabbit IgG Staining Systems.

## DATA



Western blot analysis of eIF2 $\alpha$  phosphorylation in untreated (A, C) and lambda protein phosphatase (sc-200312A) treated (B, D) HEK293 whole cell lysates. Antibodies tested include p-eIF2 $\alpha$  (Ser 52): sc-101670 (A, B) and eIF2 $\alpha$  (EIF2S1A2B8): sc-81261 (C, D).



p-eIF2 $\alpha$  (Ser 52): sc-101670. Immunoperoxidase staining of formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded human breast carcinoma tissue showing cytoplasmic staining.

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## STORAGE

Store at 4° C, \*\*DO NOT FREEZE\*\*. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

## RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.

## PROTOCOLS

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