

# p-ER $\alpha$ (Ser 167): sc-12955

## BACKGROUND

Estrogen receptor  $\alpha$  (ER $\alpha$ , ER, ESR, ESRA, Era, NR3A1, estrogen receptor 1) is a ligand-activated transcription factor composed of several domains important for hormone binding, DNA binding and activation of transcription. Alternative splicing results in several ER $\alpha$  mRNA transcripts, which differ primarily in their 5' untranslated regions. ER $\alpha$  undergoes phosphorylation in response to estradiol binding. Human ER $\alpha$  is predominately phosphorylated on Ser 118 and to a lesser extent on Ser 104 and Ser 106. In response to activation of the mitogen-activated protein kinase pathway, phosphorylation occurs on Ser 118 and Ser 167. These Serine residues are all located within the activation function 1 region of the N-terminal domain of ER $\alpha$ . In contrast, activation of protein kinase A increases the phosphorylation of Ser 236, which is located in the DNA-binding domain. Src kinase-dependent Tyr 537 phosphorylation may enhance estrogen binding to ER $\alpha$ . Mutation of Tyr 537 of the human ER $\alpha$  produces receptors having a range of constitutive activity.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: ESR1 (human) mapping to 6q25.1.

## SOURCE

p-ER $\alpha$  (Ser 167) is available as either goat (sc-12955) or rabbit (sc-12955-R) polyclonal affinity purified antibody raised against a short amino acid sequence containing phosphorylated Ser 167 of ER $\alpha$  of human origin.

## RESEARCH USE

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

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-12955 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## APPLICATIONS

p-ER $\alpha$  (Ser 167) is recommended for detection of Ser 167 phosphorylated ER $\alpha$  of human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

Suitable for use as control antibody for ER $\alpha$  siRNA (h): sc-29305, ER $\alpha$  shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-29305-SH and ER $\alpha$  shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-29305-V.

Molecular Weight of p-ER $\alpha$ : 66 kDa.

Positive Controls: MCF7 whole cell lysate: sc-2206.

## RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: for goat primary antibody (sc-12955): use donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2020 (range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2033 (range: 1:2000-1:5000), for rabbit primary antibody (sc-12955-R): use goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2004 (range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2030 (range: 1:2000-1:5000); Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto B Blocking Reagent: sc-2335 (use 50 mM NaF, sc-24988, as diluent) and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunoprecipitation: use Protein A/G PLUS-Agarose: sc-2003 (0.5 ml agarose/2.0 ml).

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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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.

## PROTOCOLS

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