

# MEK-3/6 (E-3): sc-137106

## BACKGROUND

A family of protein kinases located upstream of the MAP kinases and responsible for their activation has been identified. The prototype member of this family, designated MAP kinase kinase, or MEK-1, specifically phosphorylates the MAP kinase regulatory threonine and tyrosine residues present in the Thr-Glu-Tyr motif of ERK. A second MEK family member, MEK-2, resembles MEK-1 in its substrate specificity. MEK-3 (or MKK-3) functions to activate p38 MAP kinase, and MEK-4 (also called SEK1 or MKK-4) activates both p38 and JNK MAP kinases. MEK-5 appears to specifically phosphorylate ERK5, whereas MEK-6 phosphorylates p38 and p38b. MEK-7 (or MKK-7) phosphorylates and activates the JNK signal transduction pathway.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: MAP2K3 (human) mapping to 17q11.2, MAP2K6 (human) mapping to 17q24.3; Map2k3 (mouse) mapping to 11 B2, Map2k6 (mouse) mapping to 11 E2.

## SOURCE

MEK-3/6 (E-3) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against amino acids 229-318 mapping at the C-terminus of MEK-3/6 of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgG<sub>2a</sub> kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

## RESEARCH USE

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

## APPLICATIONS

MEK-3/6 (E-3) is recommended for detection of MEK-3 and MEK-6 of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:100, 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 solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

MEK-3/6 (E-3) is also recommended for detection of MEK-3 and MEK-6 in additional species, including equine, canine and bovine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for MEK-3/6 siRNA (h): sc-43924, MEK-3/6 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43924-SH and MEK-3/6 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43924-V.

Molecular Weight of MEK-3: 40 kDa.

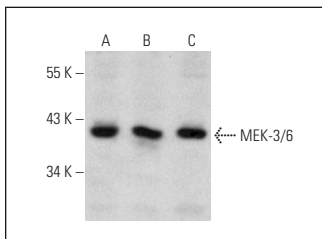
Molecular Weight of MEK-6: 37 kDa.

Positive Controls: MEK-3 (h): 293T Lysate: sc-114954, RAW 264.7 whole cell lysate: sc-2211 or C2C12 whole cell lysate: sc-364188.

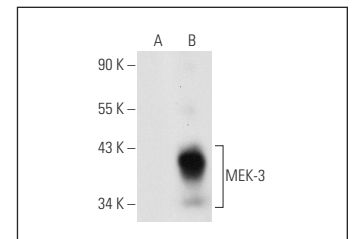
## RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended:  
 1) Western Blotting: use m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz® Blocking Reagent: sc-516214 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048.  
 2) Immunoprecipitation: use Protein A/G PLUS-Agarose: sc-2003 (0.5 ml agarose/2.0 ml).  
 3) Immunofluorescence: use m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz® Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz® Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## DATA



MEK-3/6 (E-3): sc-137106. Western blot analysis of MEK-3/6 expression in RAW 264.7 (A), C2C12 (B) and KNRK (C) whole cell lysates.



MEK-3/6 (E-3): sc-137106. Western blot analysis of MEK-3 expression in non-transfected: sc-117752 (A) and human MEK-3 transfected: sc-114954 (B) 293T whole cell lysates.

## 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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