

MOM-4 (cK-17): sc-15517

BACKGROUND

In *C. elegans* embryogenesis, POP-1 is essential for the specification of the blastomere, where it functions to link anterior-posterior cell divisions with cell fate decisions. Differences in POP-1 expression between anterior and posterior cells suggest that POP-1 aids in determining the polarity of the blastomere. The β -catenin homolog WRM-1 downregulates levels of POP-1 in the posterior daughter of the EMS blastomere. POP-1 and BAR form a bipartite transcription factor that activates expression of Wnt target genes associated with controlling cell polarization and cell migration. A polarizing signal induces endoderm production by the 4 cell stage blastomere. The genes *mom-1* through *mom-5* are required for the EMS to produce endoderm. The genes *mom-1* through *mom-3* are required in the signaling cell, P2, while *mom-4* is required in EMS. MOM-4 is expressed as a MAP kinase kinase kinase-related protein that stimulates the WRM-1/LIT-1-dependent phosphorylation of POP-1. Along with WRM-1, the MOM-4 protein downregulates the HMG-domain-containing repressor POP-1.

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SOURCE

MOM-4 (cK-17) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping near the C-terminus of MOM-4 of *Caenorhabditis elegans* origin.

STORAGE

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

PRODUCT

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

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-15517 P, (100 μ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

APPLICATIONS

MOM-4 (cK-17) is recommended for detection of MOM-4 of *Caenorhabditis elegans* 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).

RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2020 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2033 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use donkey anti-goat IgG-FITC: sc-2024 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or donkey anti-goat IgG-TR: sc-2783 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

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