

MEK kinase-4 (H-77): sc-28770

BACKGROUND

Mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinase cascades are activated by various extracellular stimuli including growth factors. The MEK kinases (also designated MAP kinase kinase kinases, MKKKs, MAP3Ks or MEKKs) phosphorylate and thereby activate the MEKs (also called MAP kinase kinases or MKKs), including ERK, JNK and p38. These activated MEKs in turn phosphorylate and activate the MAP kinases. The MEK kinases include Raf-1, Raf-B, Mos, MEK kinase-1, MEK kinase-2, MEK kinase-3, MEK kinase-4, ASK 1 (MEK kinase-5) and MAP3K6 (MEK kinase-6). MEK kinase-1 has been shown to phosphorylate MEK-1 via Raf-independent pathway. Evidence suggests that MEK-3 is preferentially activated by MEK kinase-3 and that MEK-4 is activated by both MEK kinase-2 and MEK kinase-3. MEK kinase-4 has been shown to specifically activate the JNK path-way. ASK1 activates both MEK-4 and MEK-3/MEK-6 pathways.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: MAP3K4 (human) mapping to 6q26; Map3k4 (mouse) mapping to 17 A1.

SOURCE

MEK kinase-4 (H-77) is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against amino acids 1531-1607 mapping at the C-terminus of MEK kinase-4 of human origin.

PRODUCT

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

STORAGE

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

APPLICATIONS

MEK kinase-4 (H-77) is recommended for detection of MEK kinase-4 of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2 µg per 100-500 µg 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 kinase-4 (H-77) is also recommended for detection of MEK kinase-4 in additional species, including equine, canine, bovine, porcine and avian.

Suitable for use as control antibody for MEK kinase-4 siRNA (h): sc-35902, MEK kinase-4 siRNA (m): sc-35903, MEK kinase-4 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-35902-SH, MEK kinase-4 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-35903-SH, MEK kinase-4 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35902-V and MEK kinase-4 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35903-V.

Molecular Weight of MEK kinase-4: 180 kDa.

Positive Controls: KNRK whole cell lysate: sc-2214, Jurkat whole cell lysate: sc-2204 or NIH/3T3 whole cell lysate: sc-2210.

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™ compatible goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2030 (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) 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™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

- Cimica, V., et al. 2007. Serial analysis of gene expression (SAGE) in rat liver regeneration. *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 360: 545-552.

RESEARCH USE

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

PROTOCOLS

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Try **MEK kinase-4 (E-6): sc-166197** or **MEK kinase-4 (E-5): sc-166196**, our highly recommended monoclonal alternatives to MEK kinase-4 (H-77).