

# Integrin $\alpha 3$ (IA3): sc-53355

## BACKGROUND

Integrins are heterodimers composed of noncovalently associated transmembrane  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits. The 16  $\alpha$  and 8  $\beta$  subunits heterodimerize to produce more than 20 different receptors. Most integrin receptors bind ligands that are components of the extracellular matrix, including Fibronectin, Collagen and Vitronectin. Certain integrins can also bind to soluble ligands such as Fibrinogen, or to counterreceptors on adjacent cells such as the intracellular adhesion molecules (ICAMs), leading to aggregation of cells. Ligands serve to cross-link or cluster integrins by binding to adjacent integrin receptors; both receptor clustering and ligand occupancy are necessary for the activation of integrin-mediated responses. In addition to mediating cell adhesion and cytoskeletal organization, integrins function as signaling receptors. Signals transduced by integrins play a role in many biological processes, including cell growth, differentiation, migration and apoptosis. The Integrin  $\alpha 3$  chain, also known as very late (activation) antigen 3 (VLA-3), very common antigen 2 (VCA-2), extracellular matrix receptor 1 (ECMR1) and galactoprotein  $\beta 3$  (GAPB3), undergoes posttranslational cleavage in the extracellular domain to yield disulfide-linked light and heavy chains that join with  $\beta 1$  to form an integrin that interacts with many extracellular-matrix proteins.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: ITGA3 (human) mapping to 17q21.33.

## RESEARCH USE

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

## SOURCE

Integrin  $\alpha 3$  (IA3) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against transfected breast epithelial cell line MTSV1-7 of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgG<sub>1</sub> kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin. Also available azide-free for FuncS, sc-53355 L, 200  $\mu$ g/0.1 ml.

## APPLICATIONS

Integrin  $\alpha 3$  (IA3) is recommended for detection of Integrin  $\alpha 3$  of human origin by immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

Suitable for use as control antibody for Integrin  $\alpha 3$  siRNA (h): sc-35684, Integrin  $\alpha 3$  shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-35684-SH and Integrin  $\alpha 3$  shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35684-V.

Molecular Weight of Integrin  $\alpha 3$ : 150 kDa.

## RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended:  
1) 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<sup>®</sup> Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## 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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