

MEK kinase-3 (C-20): sc-6843

BACKGROUND

Mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinase cascades are activated by various extracellular stimuli including growth factors. The MEK kinases (also called MAP kinase kinase kinases) phosphorylate and activate the MAP kinases, including ERK, JNK and p38. The MEK kinases characterized to date include Raf-1, Raf-B, MOS, MEK kinase-1, MEK kinase-2, MEK kinase-3, MEK kinase-4 and ASK 1 (also designated MEK kinase-5). MEK kinase-1 has been shown to phosphorylate MEK-1 via a 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 pathway. ASK1 activates both MEK-4 and MEK-3/MEK-6 pathways.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: MAP3K3 (human) mapping to 17q23.3, MAP3K2 (human) mapping to 2q14.3; Map3k3 (mouse) mapping to 11 E1, Map3k2 (mouse) mapping to 18 B1.

SOURCE

MEK kinase-3 (C-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping at the C-terminus of MEK kinase-3 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.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-6843 P, (100 µg peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

APPLICATIONS

MEK kinase-3 (C-20) is recommended for detection of MEK kinase-3 and, to a lesser extent, MEK kinase-2 of mouse, rat and 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).

MEK kinase-3 (C-20) is also recommended for detection of MEK kinase-3 and, to a lesser extent, MEK kinase-2 in additional species, including equine, canine, bovine and porcine.

Molecular Weight of MEK kinase-3: 71 kDa.

Positive Controls: HeLa whole cell lysate: sc-2200.

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.

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.

RESEARCH USE

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

PROTOCOLS

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