

MEK kinase-4 (K-7): sc-100396

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

SOURCE

MEK kinase-4 (K-7) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against recombinant MEK kinase-4 of human origin.

PRODUCT

Each vial contains 100 µg IgG₁ kappa light chain 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 (K-7) 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), immunohistochemistry (including paraffin-embedded sections) (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

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.

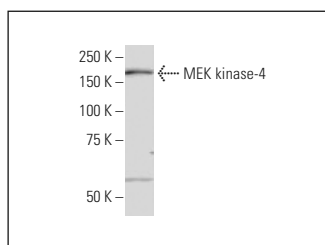
Molecular Weight of MEK kinase-4: 180 kDa.

Positive Controls: NIH/3T3 whole cell lysate: sc-2210, Jurkat whole cell lysate: sc-2204 or K-562 whole cell lysate: sc-2203.

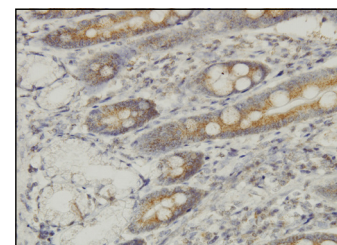
RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use m-IgGκ BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgGκ 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-IgGκ BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgGκ BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz® Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz® Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850. 4) Immunohistochemistry: use m-IgGκ BP-HRP: sc-516102 with DAB, 50X: sc-24982 and Immunohistomount: sc-45086, or Organo/Limonene Mount: sc-45087.

DATA



MEK kinase-4 (K-7): sc-100396. Western blot analysis of MEK kinase-4 expression in NIH/3T3 whole cell lysate.



MEK kinase-4 (K-7): sc-100396. Immunoperoxidase staining of formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded human small intestine tissue showing cytoplasmic localization.

SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

- Zhang, M., et al. 2022. MEKK4-mediated phosphorylation of HoxA10 at threonine 362 facilitates embryo adhesion to the endometrial epithelium. *Cell Death Discov.* 8: 415.

RESEARCH USE

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