BACKGROUND

Cytokeratins comprise a diverse group of intermediate filament proteins (IFPs) that are expressed as pairs in both keratinized and non-keratinized epithelial tissue. Cytokeratins play a critical role in differentiation and tissue specialization and function to maintain the overall structural integrity of epithelial cells. Cytokeratins have been found to be useful markers of tissue differentiation which is directly applicable to the characterization of malignant tumors. For example, Cytokeratins 10 and 13 are expressed highly in a subset of squamous cell carcinomas while Cytokeratin 18 is expressed in a majority of adenocarcinomas and basal cell carcinomas. Cytokeratin 18 contains two major phosphorylation sites on Ser 33 and Ser 52. Phosphorylation of Ser 18 is essential for the association of Cytokeratin 18 with 14-3-3 proteins and is involved in keratin organization and distribution.

REFERENCES


CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: KRT18 (human) mapping to 12q13.13; Krt18 (mouse) mapping to 15 F3.

SOURCE

Cytokeratin 18 (B-6) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against amino acids 1-80 mapping at the N-terminus of Cytokeratin 18 of human origin.

PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200 µg IgG1 kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

APPLICATIONS

Cytokeratin 18 (B-6) is recommended for detection of Cytokeratin 18 of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:100, 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 Cytokeratin 18 siRNA (h): sc-35151, Cytokeratin 18 siRNA (m): sc-45406, Cytokeratin 18 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-35151-SH, Cytokeratin 18 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-45406-SH, Cytokeratin 18 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35151-V and Cytokeratin 18 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-45406-V.

Molecular Weight of Cytokeratin 18: 45 kDa.

Positive Controls: HeLa whole cell lysate: sc-2200, Hep G2 cell lysate: sc-2227 or MCF7 whole cell lysate: sc-2206.

RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended:


DATA

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

See our web site at www.scbt.com for detailed protocols and support products.

See Cytokeratin 18 (RG E53): sc-32329 for Cytokeratin 18 antibody conjugates, including AC, HRP, FITC, PE, Alexa Fluor® 488 and Alexa Fluor® 647.