SSEA-3 (3H420): sc-73066



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BACKGROUND

Embryonic stem cells have the ability to remain undifferentiated and proliferate indefinitely *in vitro*, while maintaining the potential to differentiate into derivatives of all three embryonic germ layers. Undifferentiated human embryonal carcinoma (EC) cells are the stem cells of teratocarcinomas and are characterized by the expression of stage specific embryonic antigens SSEA-1 and SSEA-3, TRA-2-39, TRA-2-54 and the high molecular weight glycoproteins TRA-1-60 and TRA-1-81. In addition, SSEA-1, SSEA-3 and SSEA-4 are markers that characterize embryonic stem (ES) and embryonic germ (EG) cells. Specifically, undifferentiated cells from the human ES cell line H7 express SSEA-3, SSEA-4, TRA-1-60 and TRA-1-81, but not SSEA-1. Interferon induces expression of SSEA-3 and SSEA-4 in EC cells without inhibiting their growth or inducing their differentiation.

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RESEARCH USE

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

SOURCE

SSEA-3 (3H420) is a rat monoclonal antibody raised against 4-8 cell stage mouse embryos.

PRODUCT

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

APPLICATIONS

SSEA-3 (3H420) is recommended for detection of SSEA-3 of mouse, rat and human origin by immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and indirect flow cytometry (1 µg per 1 x 10⁶ cells).

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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.

PROTOCOLS

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