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ab109028

Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker

Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028) is a rabbit monoclonal antibody detecting HP1 alpha in **Western Blot, Flow Cytometry (Intra), IP, IHC-P, ICC/IF**. Suitable for **Human, Mouse, Rat**.

- KO validated for confirmed specificity
- Biophysical QC for unrivalled batch-batch consistency
- Over 10 publications

Lab Essentials | Recombinant | RabMAb | KO Validated | 20ul selling size

Key facts

Isotype	IgG
Host species	Rabbit
Storage buffer	pH: 7.2 - 7.4 Preservative: 0.01% Sodium azide Constituents: PBS, 40% Glycerol (glycerin, glycerine), 0.05% BSA
Form	Liquid
Clonality	Monoclonal
Immunogen	The exact immunogen used to generate this antibody is proprietary information.
Clone number	EPR5777
Purification technique	Affinity purification Protein A
Concentration	0.33 mg/mL The concentration of this product may be batch-dependent Batch concentration finder →

Reactivity data

IHC-P

Tested

Species	Mouse
Dilution info	1/1000
Notes	**For unpurified use at 1/250 - 1/500.** Perform heat-mediated antigen retrieval before commencing with IHC staining protocol.

Species	Rat
Dilution info	1/1000
Notes	**For unpurified use at 1/250 - 1/500.** Perform heat-mediated antigen retrieval before commencing with IHC staining protocol.

Species	Human
Dilution info	1/1000
Notes	**For unpurified use at 1/250 - 1/500.** Perform heat-mediated antigen retrieval before commencing with IHC staining protocol.

ICC/IF

Tested

Species	Human
Dilution info	1/250
Notes	-

Expected

Species	Mouse, Rat
Dilution info	Use at an assay dependent concentration.
Notes	-

IP

Tested

Species	Human

Dilution info	1/10 - 1/100
Notes	-

Expected

Species	Mouse, Rat
Dilution info	Use at an assay dependent concentration.
Notes	-

WB

Tested

Species	Mouse
Dilution info	1/1000
Notes	**For unpurified use at 1/10000 - 1/50000.**

Species	Rat
Dilution info	1/1000
Notes	**For unpurified use at 1/10000 - 1/50000.**

Species	Human
Dilution info	1/1000
Notes	**For unpurified use at 1/10000 - 1/50000.**

Flow Cyt (Intra)

Tested

Species	Human
Dilution info	1/10 - 1/100
Notes	ab172730 - Rabbit monoclonal IgG, is suitable for use as an isotype control with this antibody.

Expected

Species	Mouse, Rat

Dilution info	Use at an assay dependent concentration.
Notes	-

Target data

See full target information CBX5

Function	Component of heterochromatin that recognizes and binds histone H3 tails methylated at 'Lys-9' (H3K9me), leading to epigenetic repression (PubMed:40440427). In contrast, it is excluded from chromatin when 'Tyr-41' of histone H3 is phosphorylated (H3Y41ph) (PubMed:19783980). Also recognizes and binds histone H1.4 methylated at 'Lys-26' (H1.4K26me) (PubMed:16127177). Excluded from chromatin when histone H1.4 is Simultaneously methylated at Lys-26 (H1.4K26me) and phosphorylated at Ser-27 (H1.4S27Ph) (PubMed:16127177). May contribute to the association of heterochromatin with the inner nuclear membrane by interactions with the lamin-B receptor (LBR) (PubMed:19783980). Involved in the formation of kinetochore through interaction with the MIS12 complex subunit NSL1 (PubMed:19783980, PubMed:20231385). Required for the formation of the inner centromere (PubMed:20231385).

Storage

Shipped at conditions	Conditional Ambient
Appropriate short-term storage duration	1-2 weeks
Appropriate short-term storage conditions	+4°C
Appropriate long-term storage conditions	-20°C
Aliquoting information	Upon delivery aliquot
Storage information	Avoid freeze / thaw cycle

Notes

What is this antibody validated in?
Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028) is a rabbit recombinant monoclonal antibody and is validated for use in Western Blot (WB), Flow Cytometry (Intra), Immunoprecipitation (IP), Immunohistochemistry (IHC-P), Immunocytochemistry/immunofluorescence (ICC/IF) in Human, Mouse, Rat samples.

What is the molecular weight of HP1 alpha?
Anti-HP1 alpha [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028) specifically detects a band for HP1 alpha (UniProt:

P45973) at a molecular weight of 22kDa.

Trusted by the scientific community
Anti-HP1 alpha [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028) was first used in a scientific publication in 2011 and has been cited over 10 times in peer-reviewed journals.

Reviewed by scientists
Anti-HP1 alpha [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028) has over 5 independent reviews from customers.

Specificity confirmed
The specificity of Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028) has been confirmed by Western blot testing in CBX5 Knockout HAP1 cells.

Other related products
We have a range of other formats of antibody clone [EPR5777] also available for your convenience: ab109028, Alexa Fluor® 488 - ab185018, HRP - ab197721, Alexa Fluor® 647 - ab198391, Alexa Fluor® 594 - ab203431, Alexa Fluor® 555 - ab203432, PE - ab210585, Carrier free - ab226049

Patented technology
Our RabMAb® technology is a patented hybridoma-based technology for making rabbit monoclonal antibodies. For details on our patents, please refer to RabMAb® patents.

What are the advantages of a recombinant monoclonal antibody?
This product is a recombinant monoclonal antibody, which offers several advantages including:

- High batch-to-batch consistency and reproducibility
- Improved sensitivity and specificity
- Long-term security of supply
- Animal-free batch production

For more information, read more on recombinant antibodies.

Trial sizes available!
Test your antibody or perform pre-screening before committing to a larger quantity. Sold in 20µl. Discover our selection of trial-size antibodies.

Supplementary info

This supplementary information is collated from multiple sources and compiled automatically.

Activity summary	HP1 alpha also known as HP1a or HP1 protein is a well-studied member of the heterochromatin protein 1 family. It plays a mechanical role in chromatin organization and gene regulation by binding to histone H3 when it's methylated at lysine 9 (H3K9me). This protein has a molecular mass of approximately 22-25 kDa. HP1 alpha is commonly expressed in the nuclei of eukaryotic cells where it localizes to heterochromatin regions and influences chromatin compaction.
Biological function summary	Heterochromatin protein 1 alpha acts as a modulator of gene silencing. It is part of a larger protein complex that contains various chromatin modifiers responsible for maintaining the silent state of certain genes. By mediating these interactions HP1 alpha helps regulate transcription replication timing and DNA repair processes.

	This regulation is essential for the structural maintenance of heterochromatin and plays a part in chromosomal stability.
Pathways	HP1 alpha is integral in the epigenetic regulation pathway along with other well-known proteins including SUV39H1 and SUV39H2 which are histone methyltransferases. HP1 alpha also links to the DNA damage response pathway where it recruits repair factors to maintain genomic integrity. Through these pathways HP1 alpha interacts closely with proteins like BRCA1 emphasizing its role in cellular homeostasis and response to DNA damage.
Associated diseases and disorders	Researchers associate HP1 alpha with cancer and developmental disorders. Alterations in HP1 alpha expression or function can lead to disruptions in chromatin organization contributing to oncogenesis by affecting tumor suppressor genes. Furthermore HP1 alpha links to disorders like ICF syndrome through its relationship with the DNA methylation process where it interacts with proteins such as DNMT3B. Understanding these connections provides insights into therapeutic approaches targeting epigenetic modifications in disease contexts.

Product promise

Tested

We have tested this species and application combination and it works. It is covered by our product promise.

Expected

We have not tested this specific species and application combination in-house, but expect it will work. It is covered by our product promise.

Predicted

This species and application combination has not been tested, but we predict it will work based on strong homology. However, this combination is not covered by our product promise.

Not recommended

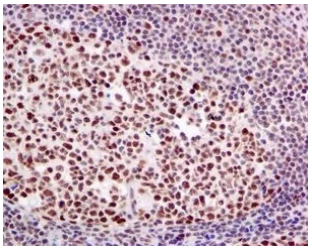
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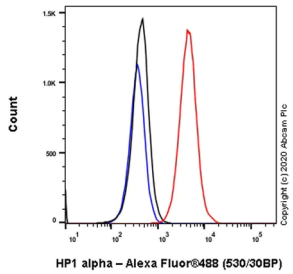
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Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) - Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028)

HP1 alpha Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) staining using rabbit Anti-HP1 alpha antibody

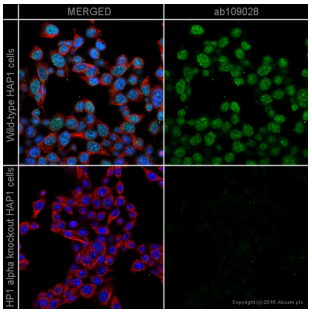
Immunohistochemical analysis of paraffin-embedded Human tonsil tissue using ab109028 at a dilution of 1/250.



Flow Cytometry (Intracellular) - Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028)

HP1 alpha Flow Cytometry (Intracellular) staining using rabbit Anti-HP1 alpha antibody

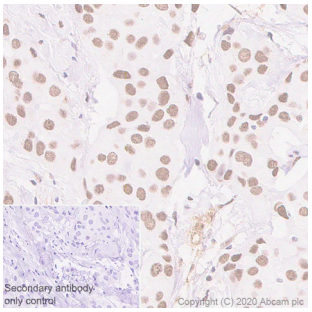
Intracellular Flow Cytometry analysis of HeLa (Human cervix adenocarcinoma epithelial cell) cells labeling HP1 alpha with Purified ab109028 at 1/30 dilution (10 µg/mL) (Red). Cells were fixed with 4% Paraformaldehyde and permeabilised with 90% Methanol. A Goat anti rabbit IgG (Alexa Fluor® 488, ab150077) secondary antibody was used at 1/2000. Isotype control - Rabbit monoclonal IgG (Black). Unlabeled control - Cell without incubation with primary antibody and secondary antibody (Blue).



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HP1 alpha Immunocytochemistry/ Immunofluorescence staining using rabbit Anti-HP1 alpha antibody

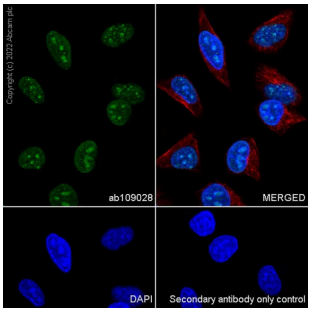
ab109028 staining HP1 alpha in wild-type HAP1 cells (top panel) and HP1 alpha knockout HAP1 cells (bottom panel). The cells were fixed with 4% formaldehyde (10min), permeabilized with 0.1% Triton X-100 for 5 minutes and then blocked with 1% BSA/10% normal goat serum/0.3M glycine in 0.1% PBS-Tween for 1h. The cells were then incubated with ab109028 at 1/250 dilution and ab195889 at 1/250 dilution (shown in pseudo colour red) overnight at +4°C, followed by a further incubation at room temperature for 1h with a goat secondary antibody to Rabbit IgG (Alexa Fluor® 488) (ab150081) at 2 µg/ml (shown in green). Nuclear DNA was labelled in blue with DAPI. Image was taken with a confocal microscope (Leica-Microsystems, TCS SP8).



Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) - Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028)

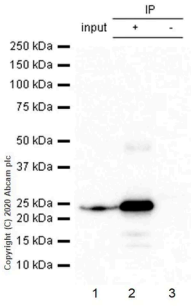
HP1 alpha Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) staining using rabbit Anti-HP1 alpha antibody

Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) analysis of human breast cancer tissue sections labeling HP1 alpha with Purified ab109028 at 1/1000 dilution (0.31 µg/mL). Heat mediated antigen retrieval using Bond™ Epitope Retrieval Solution 2 (pH 9.0). Rabbit specific IHC polymer detection kit HRP/DAB (ab209101) was used as the secondary antibody. Negative control: PBS instead of the primary antibody. Hematoxylin was used as a counterstain.



Immunocytochemistry/ Immunofluorescence - Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028)

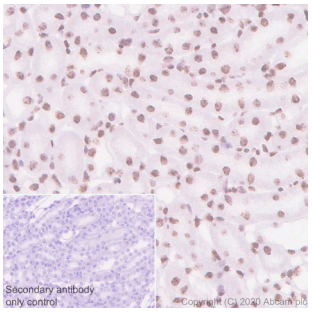
ab109028 staining HP1 alpha in HeLa (human cervical adenocarcinoma epithelial cell). The cells were fixed with 100% methanol, permeabilized with 0.1% TritonX-100. The cells were then incubated with ab109028 at 1:100 dilution. Cells were then incubated with ab150088, Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor® 594) preadsorbed at 1:1000 dilution (shown in green). ab195889, Anti-alpha Tubulin antibody [DM1A] - Microtubule Marker (Alexa Fluor® 594) was used as counterstain at 1:200 dilution (shown in red). Nuclear DNA was labelled with DAPI (shown in blue). Confocal image showing nuclear staining in HeLa cell line.



Immunoprecipitation - Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028)

Purified ab109028 at 1/30 dilution (2µg) immunoprecipitating HP1 alpha in MCF7 whole cell lysate.
Lane 1 (input): MCF7 (Human breast adenocarcinoma epithelial cell) whole cell lysate 10µg
Lane 2 (+): ab109028 + MCF7 whole cell lysate.
Lane 3 (-): Rabbit monoclonal IgG (ab172730) instead of ab109028 in MCF7 whole cell lysate.
VeriBlot for IP Detection Reagent (HRP) (ab131366) (1/1000 dilution) was used for Western blotting.
Blocking Buffer and concentration: 5% NFDM/TBST.
Diluting buffer and concentration: 5% NFDM/TBST.
Observed band size: 22 kDa
All lanes:
Immunoprecipitation - Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028)

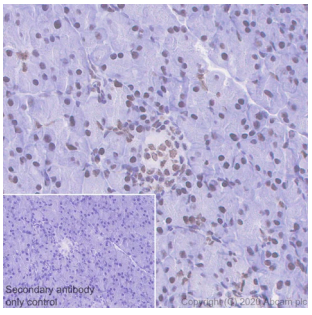
Predicted band size: 22 kDa



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HP1 alpha Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) staining using rabbit Anti-HP1 alpha antibody

Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) analysis of mouse kidney tissue sections labeling HP1 alpha with Purified ab109028 at 1/1000 dilution (0.31 µg/mL). Heat mediated antigen retrieval using Bond™ Epitope Retrieval Solution 2 (pH 9.0). Rabbit specific IHC polymer detection kit HRP/DAB (ab209101) was used as the secondary antibody. Negative control: PBS instead of the primary antibody. Hematoxylin was used as a counterstain.

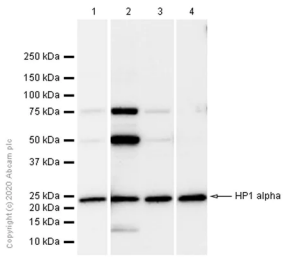


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HP1 alpha Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) staining using rabbit Anti-HP1 alpha antibody

Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) analysis of rat pancreas tissue sections labeling HP1 alpha with Purified ab109028 at 1/1000 dilution (0.31 µg/mL). Heat mediated antigen retrieval using Bond™ Epitope Retrieval Solution 2 (pH 9.0). Rabbit specific IHC

polymer detection kit HRP/DAB (ab209101) was used as the secondary antibody. Negative control: PBS instead of the primary antibody. Hematoxylin was used as a counterstain.



Western blot - Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028)

We are unsure how to define the extra bands.
All lanes:
Western blot - Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028) at 1/1000 dilution

Lane 1:
HeLa (Human cervix adenocarcinoma epithelial cell) whole cell lysate at 20 µg

Lane 2:
SH-SY5Y (Human neuroblastoma epithelial cell) whole cell lysate at 20 µg

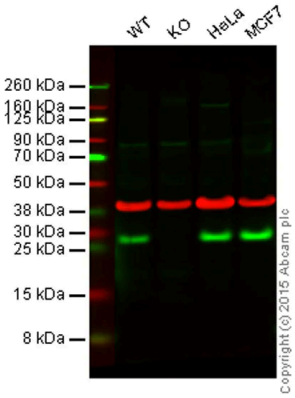
Lane 3:
Mouse brain lysate at 20 µg

Lane 4:
Rat brain lysate at 20 µg

Secondary

All lanes:
Western blot - Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (HRP) (ab97051) at 1/20000 dilution

Predicted band size: 22 kDa



Western blot - Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028)

HP1 alpha Western blot staining using rabbit Anti-HP1 alpha antibody

Lane 1: Wild-type HAP1 cell lysate (20 µg)
Lane 2: HP1 alpha knockout HAP1 cell lysate (20 µg)
Lane 3: HeLa cell lysate (20 µg)
Lane 4: MCF7 cell lysate (20 µg)
Lanes 1 - 4: Merged signal (red and green). Green - ab109028 observed at 28 kDa. Red - loading control, ab8245, observed at 37 kDa.

ab109028 was shown to specifically react with HP1 alpha when HP1 alpha knockout samples were used. Wild-type and HP1 alpha knockout samples were subjected to SDS-PAGE. ab109028 and ab8245 (loading control to GAPDH) were diluted 1/1000 and 1/20 000 respectively and incubated overnight at 4°C. Blots were developed with Goat anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (IRDye® 800CW) preadsorbed (ab216773) and Goat anti-Mouse IgG H&L (IRDye® 680RD) preadsorbed (ab216776) secondary antibodies at 1/10000 dilution for 1 h at room temperature before imaging.

All lanes:
Western blot - Anti-HP1 alpha antibody [EPR5777] - Heterochromatin marker (ab109028)

Predicted band size: 22 kDa, 24 kDa

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