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Alexa Fluor® 488 Anti-alpha smooth muscle Actin antibody [SP171]

Recombinant | RabMAb

Key facts

Isotype	IgG
Host species	Rabbit
Conjugation	Alexa Fluor® 488
Excitation/Emission	Ex: 495nm, Em: 519nm
Storage buffer	pH: 7.4 Preservative: 0.02% Sodium azide Constituents: PBS, 30% Glycerol (glycerin, glycerine), 1% BSA
Form	Liquid
Clonality	Monoclonal
Immunogen	The exact immunogen used to generate this antibody is proprietary information.
Clone number	SP171
Purification technique	Affinity purification Protein A/G
Concentration	0.5 mg/mL The concentration of this product may be batch-dependent Batch concentration finder →

Reactivity data

IHC-P

Tested

Species	Human
Dilution info	1/100
Notes	-

Expected

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

Flow Cyt (Intra)

Expected

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

ICC/IF

Expected

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

Target data

See full target information ACTA2

Function	Actins are highly conserved proteins that are involved in various types of cell motility and are ubiquitously expressed in all eukaryotic cells.

Storage

Shipped at conditions	Blue Ice

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, Stable for 12 months at -20°C, Store in the dark

Notes

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.

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Supplementary info

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

Activity summary	Alpha smooth muscle actin (α-SMA) also known as ACTA2 is an actin isoform with a specific role in the contractile function of smooth muscle cells. The molecular weight of α-SMA is approximately 42 kDa. This protein is expressed widely in

	vascular smooth muscle cells the peritoneal lining and myofibroblasts. It often serves as a marker for these cell types. The expression of α-SMA is critical for the mechanical attributes of cells contributing to the rigidity and contractility of tissues where it is present.
Biological function summary	Alpha smooth muscle actin aids in maintaining the structural integrity of tissues by forming part of the actin cytoskeleton an important element in cellular support. It exists in high concentration in stress fibers contributing to cellular movements and shape maintenance. These actions are essential in various dynamic cellular processes such as cell migration and adhesion. Alpha smooth muscle actin does not typically form complexes but it associates with other components of the actin cytoskeleton to ensure cell stability and function.
Pathways	Alpha smooth muscle actin functions significantly within the TGF-beta signaling pathway which influences cell proliferation differentiation and apoptosis. It interacts closely with proteins such as myosin to facilitate cellular contractility and motility. Additionally α-SMA plays a part in the RhoA/Rho kinase (ROCK) pathway connecting with regulators of actin filament organization. These pathways are essential for modulation of smooth muscle contraction and actin filament assembly contributing to vascular development and wound healing.
Associated diseases and disorders	Alpha smooth muscle actin is importantly involved in fibrotic diseases and vascular diseases like arteriosclerosis. Increased expression of α-SMA is often observed in fibrotic tissues contributing to pathogenesis due to excessive extracellular matrix deposition. In the context of vascular disorders overexpression of α-SMA can lead to abnormal vascular remodeling often seen in diseases like hypertension. Interactions with proteins such as fibronectin and collagens facilitate these pathological changes highlighting the importance of α-SMA in disease development.

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

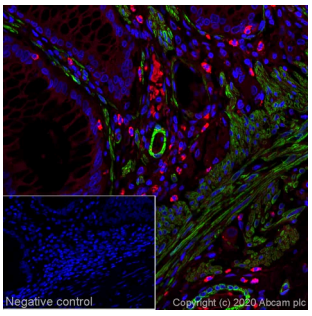
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Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) - Alexa Fluor® 488 Anti-alpha smooth muscle Actin antibody [SP171] (ab267536)

Alpha smooth muscle Actin Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) staining using rabbit Anti-alpha smooth muscle Actin antibody

IHC image of alpha smooth muscle Actin staining in a section of formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded normal human colon*. The section was pre-treated using heat mediated antigen retrieval with sodium citrate buffer (pH6) in a Biocare Medical NxGen pressure cooker using retrieval settings of 110°C for 20 minutes. Non-specific protein-protein interactions were then blocked in TBS containing 0.025% (v/v) Triton X-100, 0.3M (w/v) glycine and 1% (w/v) BSA for 1h at room temperature. The section was then incubated overnight at +4°C in TBS containing 0.025% (v/v) Triton X-100 and 1% (w/v) BSA with ab267536 at 1/100 dilution (shown in green). Nuclear DNA was labelled with DAPI (shown in blue). The section was then mounted using Fluoromount®. Image was taken with a confocal microscope (Leica-Microsystems, TCS SP8). For other IHC staining systems (automated and non-automated), customers should optimize variable parameters such as antigen retrieval conditions, antibody concentrations and incubation times.
*Tissue obtained from the Human Research Tissue Bank, supported by the NIHR Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre.

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