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## Nestin (Rat-401) Mouse mAb



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**Applications:** Reactivity: Sensitivity: Source/Isotype: **UniProt ID:** Entrez-Gene Id: IHC-P, IF-F R Endogenous Mouse IgG1 #P21263 25491

**Product Usage Application** Dilution Information Immunohistochemistry (Paraffin) 1:200 - 1:800 Immunofluorescence (Frozen) 1:100 - 1:400

Supplied in 10 mM sodium HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 µg/ml BSA, 50% glycerol and less than **Storage** 0.02% sodium azide. Store at -20°C. Do not aliquot the antibody.

Specificity / Sensitivity Nestin (Rat-401) Mouse mAb detects endogenous levels of nestin protein.

Source / Purification Monoclonal antibody is produced by immunizing animals with E15 rat spinal cord.

Nestin is an intermediate filament family member protein that is structurally related to the neurofilament **Background** proteins (1). It is highly expressed in the developing brain, where it may help to regulate cell structure and intracellular processes required for neural cell division and migration (1,2). Upon maturation of the brain,

nestin expression is quickly downregulated and replaced by expression of the neurofilament proteins (2). Because nestin is expressed in both mature and precursor neuronal and glial cells, as well as in the developing brain and in the brain and spinal cord following damage, nestin is widely accepted as a marker of neural stem/progenitor cells (3). Research studies have shown that expression of nestin is also found in cells from various nervous system tumors, including gliomas, neuroblastomas, and astrocytomas, and it is generally accepted as a marker for neural cancer stem cells (3). However, nestin expression has also been observed in astrocytes, retina, cardiac muscle, pancreas, and other tissues (3). Therefore, the acceptance

of nestin as an exclusive marker of neural stem/progenitor cells is not unanimous.

1. Michalczyk, K. and Ziman, M. (2005) Histol Histopathol 20, 665-71. **Background References** 

2. Giliarov, A.V. (2007) Morfologiia 131, 85-90. 3. Gilyarov, A.V. (2008) Neurosci Behav Physiol 38, 165-9.

**Species Reactivity** Species reactivity is determined by testing in at least one approved application (e.g., western blot).

IHC-P: Immunohistochemistry (Paraffin) IF-F: Immunofluorescence (Frozen) **Applications Key Cross-Reactivity Key** 

H: human M: mouse R: rat Hm: hamster Mk: monkey Vir: virus Mi: mink C: chicken Dm: D. melanogaster

X: Xenopus Z: zebrafish B: bovine Dg: dog Pg: pig Sc: S. cerevisiae Ce: C. elegans Hr: horse

GP: Guinea Pig Rab: rabbit All: all species expected

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