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## GSK-3 $\alpha$ Antibody



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Applications:	Reactivity:	Sensitivity:	MW (kDa):	Source:	UniProt ID:	Entrez-Gene Id:
WB	H M R Mk	Endogenous	51	Rabbit	#P49840	2931

<b>Product Usage Information</b>	<b>Application</b> Western Blotting	<b>Dilution</b> 1:1000
<b>Storage</b>	Supplied in 10 mM sodium HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 $\mu$ g/ml BSA and 50% glycerol. Store at – 20°C. Do not aliquot the antibody.	
<b>Specificity / Sensitivity</b>	GSK-3 $\alpha$ Antibody detects endogenous levels of total GSK-3 $\alpha$ protein. It does not cross-react with recombinant GSK-3 $\beta$ .	
<b>Source / Purification</b>	Polyclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide corresponding to the sequence of human GSK-3 $\alpha$ . Antibodies are purified by protein A and peptide affinity chromatography.	
<b>Background</b>	Glycogen synthase kinase-3 (GSK-3) was initially identified as an enzyme that regulates glycogen synthesis in response to insulin (1). GSK-3 is a ubiquitously expressed serine/threonine protein kinase that phosphorylates and inactivates glycogen synthase. GSK-3 is a critical downstream element of the PI3K/Akt cell survival pathway whose activity can be inhibited by Akt-mediated phosphorylation at Ser21 of GSK-3 $\alpha$ and Ser9 of GSK-3 $\beta$ (2,3). GSK-3 has been implicated in the regulation of cell fate in <i>Dictyostelium</i> and is a component of the Wnt signaling pathway required for <i>Drosophila</i> , <i>Xenopus</i> , and mammalian development (4). GSK-3 has been shown to regulate cyclin D1 proteolysis and subcellular localization (5). GSK-3 $\alpha$ regulates the production of amyloid-beta peptides, a major component of the plaques that accumulate with progression of Alzheimer's disease. Administration of therapeutic concentrations of lithium, a GSK-3 inhibitor, attenuates amyloid-beta production by specifically inhibiting the cleavage of amyloid precursor protein (APP) by gamma secretase, blocking accumulation of amyloid-beta peptides in the brains of mice that overproduce APP (6).	
<b>Background References</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welsh, G.I. et al. (1996) <i>Trends Cell Biol</i> 6, 274-9.</li> <li>2. Srivastava, A.K. and Pandey, S.K. (1998) <i>Mol Cell Biochem</i> 182, 135-41.</li> <li>3. Cross, D.A. et al. (1995) <i>Nature</i> 378, 785-9.</li> <li>4. Nusse, R. (1997) <i>Cell</i> 89, 321-3.</li> <li>5. Diehl, J.A. et al. (1998) <i>Genes Dev</i> 12, 3499-511.</li> <li>6. Piel, C.J. et al. (2003) <i>Nature</i> 423, 435-9.</li> </ol>	

<b>Species Reactivity</b>	Species reactivity is determined by testing in at least one approved application (e.g., western blot).
<b>Western Blot Buffer</b>	IMPORTANT: For western blots, incubate membrane with diluted primary antibody in 5% w/v BSA, 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween® 20 at 4°C with gentle shaking, overnight.
<b>Applications Key</b>	<b>WB:</b> Western Blotting
<b>Cross-Reactivity Key</b>	<b>H:</b> human <b>M:</b> mouse <b>R:</b> rat <b>Hm:</b> hamster <b>Mk:</b> monkey <b>Vir:</b> virus <b>Mi:</b> mink <b>C:</b> chicken <b>Dm:</b> D. melanogaster <b>X:</b> Xenopus <b>Z:</b> zebrafish <b>B:</b> bovine <b>Dg:</b> dog <b>Pg:</b> pig <b>Sc:</b> S. cerevisiae <b>Ce:</b> C. elegans <b>Hr:</b> horse <b>GP:</b> Guinea Pig <b>Rab:</b> rabbit <b>All:</b> all species expected
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