

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects human KLK3 in direct ELISAs and Western blots.
Source	Polyclonal Goat IgG
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant human Kallikrein 3 Ala18-Pro261 Accession # P07288
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 488 Excitation Wavelength: 488 nm Emission Wavelength: 515-545 nm
Formulation	Supplied 0.2mg/ml in 1X PBS with RDF1 and 0.09% Sodium Azide
*Contains <0.1% Sodium Azide, which is not hazardous at this concentration according to GHS classifications. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for additional information and handling instructions.	

APPLICATIONS

Please Note: Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application. General Protocols are available in the Technical Information section on our website.

Western Blot	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.
Immunocytochemistry	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.
Immunohistochemistry	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.
Immunoprecipitation	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Shipping	The product is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.
Stability & Storage	Protect from light. Do not freeze. 12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied

BACKGROUND

Kallikrein 3, commonly known as prostate specific antigen (PSA), is a serine protease of the human tissue Kallikrein gene family (1). PSA is synthesized in the ductal and acinar epithelium of the prostate gland and secreted into the seminal plasma in high concentrations (0.5 - 2 g/L) (2). A small portion of PSA "leaks" into the systemic circulation, the levels of which increase significantly (30-fold) from prostate cancer tissue than normal prostate tissue (3). PSA has become a well established tumor marker that aids the diagnosis, staging, and follow up of prostate cancer.

The deduced amino acid sequence of human PSA consists of a signal peptide, a short pro region and a mature/active enzyme. The pro-enzyme is activated, possibly by active Kallikreins 2, 4 or 15 *in vivo* (4). rhPSA is activated by thermolysin, a zinc protease. The active PSA cleaves several tyrosyl peptide bonds in semenogelins I and II, which are the major gel-forming proteins produced by the seminal vesicles (5). Several inhibitors including serpin A3/α₁-antichymotrypsin (ACT) and α₂-macroglobulin are known to form complexes with PSA.

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