

DESCRIPTION	
Species Reactivity	Human/Mouse
Specificity	Detects human Oct-3/4 in direct ELISAs and Western blots.
Source	Polyclonal Goat IgG
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified
Immunogen	<i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant human Oct-3/4 Met1-Asn265 (Met262Leu) Accession # Q01860
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *Small pack size (-SP) is supplied as a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS.

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.

	Recommended Concentration	Sample
Western Blot	0.5 µg/mL	See Below
Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP)	5 µg/10 ⁶ cells	See Below
Immunocytochemistry	5-15 µg/mL	See Below
Immunoprecipitation	3 µg/10 ⁶ cells	Ntera-2 human testicular embryonic carcinoma cell line, see our available Western blot detection antibodies
Simple Western	20 µg/mL	See Below

DATA

Western Blot

Detection of Human and Mouse Oct-3/4 by Western Blot. Western blot shows lysates of BG01V human embryonic stem cells and D3 mouse embryonic stem cell line. PVDF membrane was probed with 0.5 µg/mL of Goat Anti-Human/Mouse Oct-3/4 Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF1759) followed by HRP-conjugated Anti-Goat IgG Secondary Antibody (Catalog # HAF017). A specific band was detected for Oct-3/4 at approximately 48 kDa (as indicated). This experiment was conducted under reducing conditions and using Immunoblot Buffer Group 1.

Immunocytochemistry

Alkaline Phosphatase and Oct-3/4 in BG01V Human Stem Cells. Alkaline phosphatase (ALPL) and Oct-3/4 were detected in human BG01V embryonic stem cells using 10 µg/mL Human/Mouse/Rat ALPL Monoclonal Antibody (Catalog # MAB1448) and 10 µg/mL Goat Anti-Human/Mouse Oct-3/4 Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF1759). Cells were incubated with primary antibodies for 3 hours at room temperature. Cells were stained for ALPL using the NorthernLights™ 557-conjugated Anti-Mouse IgG Secondary Antibody (pseudo-stained green; Catalog # NL007), and stained for Oct-3/4 using the NorthernLights™ 637-conjugated Anti-Goat IgG Secondary Antibody (red; Catalog # NL002). View our protocol for [Fluorescent ICC Staining of Cells on Coverslips](#).

Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP)

Detection of Oct-3/4-regulated Genes by Chromatin Immunoprecipitation. BG01V human embryonic stem cells were fixed using formaldehyde, resuspended in lysis buffer, and sonicated to shear chromatin. Oct-3/4/DNA complexes were immunoprecipitated using 5 µg Goat Anti-Human/Mouse Oct-3/4 Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF1759) or control antibody (Catalog # AB-108-C) for 15 minutes in an ultrasonic bath, followed by Biotinylated Anti-Goat IgG Secondary Antibody (Catalog # BAF109). Immunocomplexes were captured using 50 µL of MagCollect Streptavidin Ferrofluid (Catalog # MAG999) and DNA was purified using chelating resin solution. The *nanog* promoter was detected by standard PCR.

Simple Western

Detection of Human Oct-3/4 by Simple Western™. Simple Western lane view shows lysates of BG01V human embryonic stem cells and Ntera-2 human testicular embryonic carcinoma cell line, loaded at 0.2 mg/mL. A specific band was detected for Oct-3/4 at approximately 50 kDa (as indicated) using 20 µg/mL of Goat Anti-Human/Mouse Oct-3/4 Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF1759) followed by 1:50 dilution of HRP-conjugated Anti-Goat IgG Secondary Antibody (Catalog # HAF109). This experiment was conducted under reducing conditions and using the 12-230 kDa separation system.

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Reconstitution	Reconstitute at 0.2 mg/mL in sterile PBS.
Shipping	The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below. *Small pack size (-SP) is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at -20 to -70 °C
Stability & Storage	Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.● 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.● 6 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

BACKGROUND

Oct-3/4, a member of POU transcription factors, was identified as a DNA-binding protein that activates gene transcription via a cis-element containing an octamer motif (1). It is expressed in totipotent embryonic stem and germ cells (2, 3). A critical amount of Oct-3/4 expressed is required to sustain stem cell self-renewal and pluripotency (4). When embryonic stem cells are induced to differentiate, Oct-3/4 is downregulated and this downregulation of Oct-3/4 has proven to be essential for proper and divergent developmental program (5). The Oct-3/4 molecule is not only a master regulator of pluripotency that controls the lineage commitment but also is the most recognized marker used for the identification of totipotent embryonic stem cells.

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