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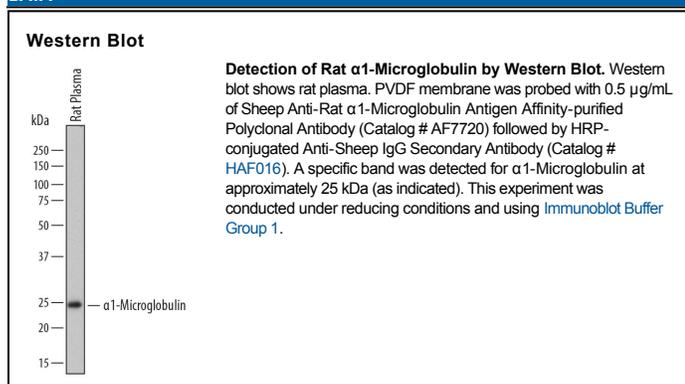
Species Reactivity	Rat
Specificity	Detects rat α 1-Microglobulin in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, less than 5% cross-reactivity with recombinant human α 1-Microglobulin is observed.
Source	Polyclonal Sheep IgG
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified
Immunogen	<i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant rat α 1-Microglobulin Asp20-Ala202 Accession # Q64240
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 μ m filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *Small pack size (-SP) is supplied as a 0.2 μ m 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 μ g/mL	See Below

DATA



PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Reconstitution	Sterile PBS to a final concentration of 0.2 mg/mL.
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

Rat α 1-Microglobulin (alpha1-m/A1M; also protein HC) is a secreted, 25-26 kDa glycoprotein member of the lipocalin family, calycin superfamily of molecules. It is expressed by hepatocytes, keratinocytes, and endodermal derivatives in the embryo. A1M appears to act as a heme scavenger, protecting cells and collagen against oxidative damage. It also acts as an immunosuppressant, inhibiting polyclonal lymphocyte activation and dampening granulocyte migration in response to chemokines. A1M circulates either as a monomer, or bound to IgA, albumin or prothrombin. Rat A1M is generated through cleavage of a precursor molecule termed AMBP. This AMBP should not be confused with AMBP-1, a 120-140 kDa adrenomedullin-binding protein that is also known as Complement Factor H. The AMBP precursor contains a 19 aa signal sequence, an N-terminal 183 aa A1M protein (aa 20-202), and a C-terminal serine protease inhibitor termed bikunin (aa 205-349). A1M possesses one lipocalin domain (aa 41-186). Although cleavage of AMBP in the Golgi apparatus typically generates a 25 kDa A1M and 28 kDa bikunin molecule, the 55-65 kDa AMBP precursor can also be released intact. In human, A1M will undergo extracellular processing, generating an isoform that is missing the C-terminal four amino acids. There are four potential isoform variants. One utilizes an alternative start site at Met181, a second contains an Asn substitution for aa 112-228, a third possesses an 11 aa substitution for aa 1-141, and a fourth shows a 17 aa substitution for aa 201-349. Over aa 20-202, rat A1M shares 76% and 86% aa sequence identity with human and mouse A1M, respectively.