

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Species Reactivity</b>	Rat
<b>Specificity</b>	Detects rat $\alpha$ 1-Microglobulin in ELISAs. In direct ELISAs, no cross-reactivity with recombinant human $\alpha$ 1-Microglobulin is observed.
<b>Source</b>	Monoclonal Mouse IgG <sub>1</sub> Clone # 771803
<b>Purification</b>	Protein A or G purified from hybridoma culture supernatant
<b>Immunogen</b>	<i>E. coli</i> -derived recombinant rat $\alpha$ 1-Microglobulin Asp20-Ala202 Accession # Q64240
<b>Conjugate</b>	Alexa Fluor 594 Excitation Wavelength: 590 nm Emission Wavelength: 617 nm
<b>Formulation</b>	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.

## PREPARATION AND STORAGE

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

## BACKGROUND

Rat  $\alpha$ 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.  $\alpha$ 1-Microglobulin 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.  $\alpha$ 1-Microglobulin circulates either as a monomer, or bound to IgA, albumin or prothrombin. Rat  $\alpha$ 1-Microglobulin 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  $\alpha$ 1-Microglobulin protein (aa 20-202), and a C-terminal serine protease inhibitor termed bikunin (aa 205-349).  $\alpha$ 1-Microglobulin possesses one lipocalin domain (aa 41-186). Although cleavage of AMBP in the Golgi apparatus typically generates a 25 kDa  $\alpha$ 1-Microglobulin and 28 kDa bikunin molecule, the 55-65 kDa AMBP precursor can also be released intact. In human,  $\alpha$ 1-Microglobulin 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  $\alpha$ 1-Microglobulin shares 76% and 86% aa sequence identity with human and mouse  $\alpha$ 1-Microglobulin, respectively.

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