

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects human LC3B in flow cytometry.
Source	Recombinant Monoclonal Rabbit IgG Clone # 1251A
Purification	Protein A or G purified from cell culture supernatant
Immunogen	Human LC3B synthetic peptide Accession # Q9GZQ8
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 594 Excitation Wavelength: 590 nm Emission Wavelength: 617 nm
Formulation	Supplied in a saline solution containing BSA and Sodium Azide. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

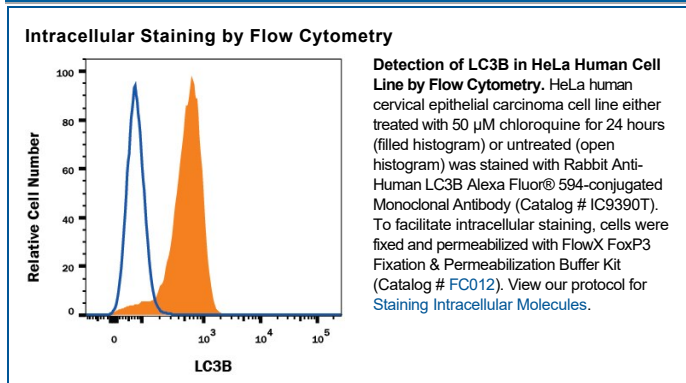
*Contains <0.1% Sodium Azide, which is not hazardous at this concentration according to GHS classifications. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for additional information and handling instructions.

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.

	Recommended Concentration	Sample
Intracellular Staining by Flow Cytometry	5 $\mu\text{L}/10^6$ cells	See Below

DATA



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

Human Microtubule-associated Protein (MAP) Light Chain 3 (LC3) A is a 121 amino acid (aa) protein with a predicted molecular weight of 14 kDa. It is a member of the LC3 subfamily of Autophagy-related 8 (Atg8) proteins (1). The LC3 subfamily also includes LC3B and LC3C. LC3 exhibits 100% aa sequence identity with its mouse and rat orthologs, and is orthologous to the yeast autophagy-related protein Atg8. Atg8 family members show structural similarity with Ubiquitin, but lack aa sequence similarity. LC3 was originally described as part of a complex that includes heavy and light chains comprising the MAP1 family of microtubule regulatory proteins (3). However, LC3 has gained attention for MAP1-independent functions in autophagy. LC3 utilizes a ubiquitin-like conjugation system that includes E1-, E2-, and E3-like enzymes to covalently attach phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) to its C-terminus, incorporating it into the phagophore membrane during the early stages of autophagosome formation (4). Recruitment of LC3 to the phagophore may promote membrane elongation (4,5). It may also be involved in cargo recruitment to autophagosomes (1). LC3 is often used as a marker of autophagy.

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