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# **ProductInformation**

# Monoclonal Anti-Importin a3

Clone 3D10
Purified Rat Immunoglobulin

Product Number I 9783

## **Product Description**

Monoclonal Anti-Importin  $\alpha 3$  (rat IgG2a isotype) is derived from the hybridoma 3D10 produced by the fusion of mouse myeloma cells (SP2/0), and lymph node cells from BN/Crj rats, immunized with recombinant mouse importin  $\alpha 3$ /Qip1.<sup>1</sup>

Monoclonal Anti-Importin  $\alpha 3$  recognizes human, monkey, bovine, canine, rat, hamster, and mouse Importin  $\alpha 3$  (approx. 60 kDa). The antibody may be used in immunoblotting. It does not cross react with importin  $\alpha 4$ .

The importin  $\alpha$  (karyopherin  $\alpha$ , Imp $\alpha$ , Qip1) family of proteins are nuclear transport adaptor proteins with molecular weights of approx. 60 kDa and classified into three subfamilies according to the amino acid sequence comparison: the SRP1-like subfamily (containing the SRP1, Importin  $\alpha$ 5,  $\alpha$ 6, and  $\alpha$ 7), the Rch1-like subfamily (containing Rch1, Pendulin, Importin  $\alpha$ 1, and  $\alpha$ 2) and Importin  $\alpha$ 3/Qip1-like subfamily (containing Importin  $\alpha$ 3 and  $\alpha$ 4).

Importin  $\alpha$  links the import receptor, importin  $\beta$  (karyopherin  $\beta$ 1, p97, Imp $\beta$ ), with cargo proteins containing classical nuclear localization signal (NLS). <sup>4-7</sup> Binding of importin  $\beta$  to importin  $\alpha$  increases the affinity of the importin  $\alpha$  NLS binding domain to the cargo protein. Formation of the Importin  $\beta$ /Importin  $\alpha$ /cargo complex triggers the binding of importin  $\beta$  to the nuclear pore complex (NPC) and the subsequent import of the entire complex into the nucleus. Inside the nucleus, the cargo protein and importin  $\alpha$  are released from the complex upon binding of Ran-GTP to importin  $\beta$ . Importin  $\alpha$  is recycled back to the cytoplasm by CAS, an importin  $\alpha$  specific export receptor. <sup>2-7</sup>

## Reagent

Monoclonal Anti-Importin  $\alpha 3$  is supplied as a solution in 0.01 M phosphate buffered saline, pH 7.4, containing 15 mM sodium azide.

Antibody Concentration: Approx. 1 mg/ml.

## **Precautions and Disclaimer**

Due to the sodium azide content, a material safety data sheet (MSDS) for this product has been sent to the attention of the safety officer of your institution. Consult the MSDS for information regarding hazardous and safe handling practices.

## Storage/Stability

For continuous use, store at 2-8 °C for up to one month. For prolonged storage, freeze in working aliquots. Repeated freezing and thawing is not recommended. Storage in frost-free freezers is also not recommended. If slight turbidity occurs upon prolonged storage, clarify the solution by centrifugation before us e. Working dilution samples should be discarded if not used within 12 hours.

### **Product Profile**

By immunoblotting, a working antibody concentration of 2-4  $\mu$ g/ml is recommended using HeLa cell extract.

Note: In order to obtain the best results using various techniques and preparations, we recommend determining optimal working dilutions by titration.

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