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Product Information

Anti-Atg4C
produced in rabbit, affinity isolated antibody

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Product Description

Anti-Atg4C is produced in rabbit using as the immunogen a synthetic peptide corresponding to a fragment of human Atg4C (GeneID: 84938), conjugated to KLH. The antibody is affinity-purified using the immunizing peptide immobilized on agarose.

Anti-Atg4C recognizes human Atg4C. The antibody may be used in several applications including immunoblotting (~52 kDa). Detection of the Atg4C band by immunoblotting is specifically inhibited by the immunizing peptide.

Macroautophagy, usually referred to as autophagy, is a major pathway for bulk degradation of cytoplasmic constituents and organelles. In this process, portions of the cytoplasm are sequestered into double membrane vesicles, the autophagosomes, and subsequently delivered to the lysosome for degradation and recycling.[1,2] Although autophagy is a constitutive cellular event, it is enhanced under certain conditions such as starvation, hormonal stimulation, and drug treatments.[3] Autophagy is required for normal turnover of cellular components during starvation. It plays an essential role in cellular differentiation, cell death and aging. Defective autophagy may contribute to certain human diseases such as cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, muscular disorders, and pathogen infections.[4,5] Autophagy is an evolutionarily conserved pathway seen in all eukaryotic cells.[1]

At least 16 ATG genes required for autophagosome formation were identified in yeast by genetic screens. For many of these genes, related homologs have been identified in mammals.[6] Two ubiquitin-like conjugation systems are involved in autophagosome formation: Atg12 and Atg8 conjugation systems. Atg8 is synthesized as a precursor protein, which is cleaved after a Gly residue by the cysteine proteinase Atg4. The modified Atg8 is activated by Atg7, an E1-like enzyme, and then transferred to Atg3, an E2-like enzyme, followed by conjugation to membrane-bound phosphatidylethanolamine (PE). The complex Atg8-PE is also deconjugated by Atg4 leading to the release of Atg8 from membranes.[7,8]

Four human orthologues of yeast Atg4 have been identified: HsAtg4A/autophagin-2, HsAtg4B/autophagin-1, HsAtg4C/autophagin-3, and HsAtg4D/autophagin-4.[9] Atg4C is the most widely distributed in human tissues. Atg4C is not essential for autophagy development under normal conditions but is required for a proper autophagic response under stressful conditions such as prolonged starvation. ATG4C deficiency leads to an increased susceptibility to fibrosarcoma development, which is induced by chemical carcinogens.[10]

Reagent

Supplied as a solution in 0.01 M phosphate buffered saline, pH 7.4, containing 15 mM sodium azide as a preservative.

Antibody concentration: ~1.0 mg/mL

Precautions and Disclaimer

For R&D use only. Not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

Storage/Stability

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

Product Profile

Immunoblotting: a working concentration of 1-2 μg/mL is recommended using a whole extract of HEK-293T cells expressing human Atg4C.

Note: In order to obtain best results in various techniques and preparations, it is recommended to determine optimal working dilutions by titration.

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