**Overview**

**Product name** | Anti-alpha smooth muscle Actin antibody
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**Description** | Rabbit polyclonal to alpha smooth muscle Actin
**Host species** | Rabbit
**Specificity** | Alpha smooth muscle actin antibody (ab5694) stains smooth muscle cells in vessel walls, gut wall, and myometrium. Myoepithelial cells in breast and salivary gland are also stained. ab5694 reacts with tumors arising from smooth muscles and myoepithelial cells. The other actins, such as beta- and gamma-cytoplasmic, striated muscle and myocardium are not stained by this alpha smooth muscle Actin antibody.

**Tested applications** | Suitable for: WB, IHC-P
**Species reactivity** | Reacts with: Mouse, Human
**Immunogen** | Synthetic peptide corresponding to Human alpha smooth muscle Actin (N terminal).
**Database link** | P62736
**Positive control** | WB: HEK-293, A431, HeLa, Jurkat and NIH/3T3 whole cell lysate. Mouse heart tissue homogenate. HeLa nuclear lysate. IHC-P: PACT-sRIMS-cleared virgin and lactating mammary glands. Mouse intestine and pancreas tissue. Mouse aortic regurgitation. Mouse tonsil tissue.

**General notes**

Actins are highly conserved proteins expressed in all eucaryotic cells. Actin filaments form part of the cytoskeleton and play essential roles in regulating cell shape and movement. Six distinct actin isoatypes have been identified in mammalian cells. Each is encoded by a separated gene and is expressed in a developmentally regulated and tissue-specific manner, alpha and beta cytoplasmic actins are expressed in a wide variety of cells; whereas, expression of alpha skeletal, alpha cardiac, alpha vascular and gamma enteric actins are more restricted to specialized muscle cell type. Smooth muscle alpha actin is of further interest because it is one of a few genes whose expression is relatively restricted to vascular smooth muscle cells. Further more, expression of smooth muscle alpha actin is regulated by hormones, cell proliferation and altered by pathological conditions including oncogenic transformation and atherosclerosis.

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Reproducibility is key to advancing scientific discovery and accelerating scientists’ next breakthrough.

Abcam is leading the way with our range of recombinant antibodies, knockout-validated antibodies and knockout cell lines, all of which support improved reproducibility.
We are also planning to innovate the way in which we present recommended applications and species on our product datasheets, so that only applications & species that have been tested in our own labs, our suppliers or by selected trusted collaborators are covered by our Abpromise™ guarantee.

In preparation for this, we have started to update the applications & species that this product is Abpromise guaranteed for.

We are also updating the applications & species that this product has been "predicted to work with," however this information is not covered by our Abpromise guarantee.

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### Properties

**Form**  
Liquid

**Storage instructions**  

**Storage buffer**  
pH: 7.40  
Preservative: 0.02% Sodium azide  
Constituent: PBS

**Purity**  
Immunogen affinity purified

**Clonality**  
Polyclonal

**Isotype**  
IgG

### Applications

Our **Abpromise guarantee** covers the use of ab5694 in the following tested applications.

The application notes include recommended starting dilutions; optimal dilutions/concentrations should be determined by the end user.

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<td>IHC-P</td>
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<td>1/50 - 1/200. Perform heat mediated antigen retrieval before commencing with IHC staining protocol.</td>
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### Target

**Function**  
Actins are highly conserved proteins that are involved in various types of cell motility and are ubiquitously expressed in all eukaryotic cells.

**Involvement in disease**  
Defects in ACTA2 are the cause of aortic aneurysm familial thoracic type 6 (AAT6) [MIM:611788]. AATs are characterized by permanent dilation of the thoracic aorta usually due to degenerative changes in the aortic wall. They are primarily associated with a characteristic histologic...
appearance known as 'medial necrosis' or 'Erdheim cystic medial necrosis' in which there is
degeneration and fragmentation of elastic fibers, loss of smooth muscle cells, and an
accumulation of basophilic ground substance.

Sequence similarities
Belongs to the actin family.

Cellular localization
Cytoplasm > cytoskeleton.

Images

Lanes 1-3: Anti-alpha smooth muscle Actin antibody (ab5694) at 1 µg/ml

Lane 1: HEK-293 (Human epithelial cell line from embryonic kidney) cell lysate - overexpressing alpha-Actin
Lane 2: NIH/3T3 (Mouse embryonic fibroblast cell line) cell lysate
Lanes 3 & 5: Mouse heart tissue homogenate
Lane 4: NIH/3T3 cell lysate

Lysates/proteins at 20 µg per lane.

Secondary
All lanes: Fluor 750-conjugated goat anti-rabbit IgG (H+L) at 1/12500 dilution

Predicted band size: 42 kDa
Observed band size: 42 kDa

Incubated with the primary antibody at 4°C overnight.
Incubated with the secondary antibody at room temperature for 1 hour.
Passive CLARITY technique (PACT)-sorbitol refractive index matching solution (sRIMS) clearing and 3D imaging of virgin and lactating mouse mammary tissue. a PACT-sRIMS tissue clearing and immunostaining protocol and timeline. Three-dimensional confocal imaging of PACT-sRIMS-cleared virgin (b) and lactating (c) mammary glands immunostained with basal cell markers (K5 and smooth muscle actin (stained with ab5694)) and luminal cell markers (K8 and E-cadherin (E-CAD)). Main image shows the maximum intensity projection of the entire image sequence, with thin optical slices (1 μm) and their depth (z value) relative to the first image in the image sequence.

From a paper comparing imaging of intact virgin and lactating mammary glands using 3D imaging of solvent-cleared organs, see deep brain (seeDB), clear unobstructed brain imaging cocktails (CUBIC) and passive clarity technique.

This picture shows formalin-fixed, paraffin embedded mouse intestine and mesentery, the optimal dilution is 1:1600 to 1:3200, incubation overnight at 4°C, counterstained with Hematoxylin.

This image was kindly supplied as part of the review by JQ Zhang.
Pancreatic vessel imaging in the intact adult mouse pancreas. In adult mouse tissues (12 weeks old), imaging was performed after CLARITY. Three-dimensional projection clarified mouse pancreas with capillary immunostained for α-smooth muscle actin (green). Scale bar, 200 μm.

From a study, that aimed to improve the original CLARITY procedure and developed specific CLARITY protocols for various intact organs.

Representative histology of aortic valve leaflets from aged mice demonstrates changes in pRb cKO AoV

A) Masson’s trichrome showing reduced collagen staining (blue) in leaflet from pRb cKO mouse with aortic regurgitation (AR). B) Movat pentachrome showing more diffuse collage staining (yellow) in fibrosa, but normal proteoglycan staining (blue) in the spongiosa layer of the leaflet from pRb cKO with AR. C) Immunohistochemistry for α-SMA, demonstrating presence of activated myofibroblasts throughout leaflets of pRb cKO mouse with and without AR. Scale bar is 50μm.

Alpha smooth muscle Actin is detected with ab5694 at 1/1000 dilution.

(From Figure 2 of Freytsis et al)
Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) analysis of human tonsil tissue labelling alpha smooth muscle Actin with ab5694 at a dilution of 1/1000. Heat mediated antigen retrieval was performed for 35 minutes followed by cooling for 20 minutes. Sections were incubated with the primary antibody for 1 hour followed by incubation with a biotinylated secondary antibody for 30 minutes then HRP-Streptavidin for 30 minutes. Developed using DAB chromogen substrate (5-10 minutes). Counter stained with hematoxylin.

Magnification: left - 10X, right - 40X.

All lanes: Anti-alpha smooth muscle Actin antibody (ab5694) at 1 µg/ml

Lane 1: HeLa (Human epithelial cell line from cervix adenocarcinoma) nuclear cell lysate
Lane 2: HeLa whole cell lysate
Lane 3: A431 (Human epidermoid carcinoma cell line) cell lysate
Lane 4: Jurkat (Human T cell leukemia cell line from peripheral blood) cell lysate
Lane 5: HEK-293 (Human epithelial cell line from embryonic kidney) cell lysate

Lysates/proteins at 20 µg per lane.

Secondary
All lanes: Alexa Fluor anti-rabbit at 1/5000 dilution

Performed under reducing conditions.

Predicted band size: 42 kDa
Observed band size: 42 kDa
Additional bands at: 30 kDa, 35 kDa, 37 kDa, 50 kDa, 75 kDa.
We are unsure as to the identity of these extra bands.

Please note that ab5694 does not appear to be specific to smooth muscle.

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