## Overview

**Product name**: Anti-MSH2 antibody - C-terminal  
**Description**: Rabbit polyclonal to MSH2 - C-terminal  
**Host species**: Rabbit  
**Tested applications**: Suitable for: WB  
**Species reactivity**: Reacts with: *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*  
**Immunogen**: Recombinant fragment within *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* MSH2 (C terminal). The exact sequence is proprietary.  
**Database link**: P25847  
**Positive control**: WB: Yeast whole cell extract.

## Properties

**Form**: Liquid  
**Storage buffer**: pH: 7.00  
Preservative: 0.01% Thimerosal (merthiolate)  
Constituents: PBS, 20% Glycerol  
**Purity**: Immunogen affinity purified  
**Clonality**: Polyclonal  
**Isotype**: IgG

## Applications

Our Abpromise guarantee covers the use of **ab229483** 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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**Function**

Component of the post-replicative DNA mismatch repair system (MMR). Forms two different heterodimers: MutS alpha (MSH2-MSH6 heterodimer) and MutS beta (MSH2-MSH3 heterodimer) which binds to DNA mismatches thereby initiating DNA repair. When bound, heterodimers bend the DNA helix and shields approximately 20 base pairs. MutS alpha recognizes single base mismatches and dinucleotide insertion-deletion loops (IDL) in the DNA. MutS beta recognizes larger insertion-deletion loops up to 13 nucleotides long. After mismatch binding, MutS alpha or beta forms a ternary complex with the MutL alpha heterodimer, which is thought to be responsible for directing the downstream MMR events, including strand discrimination, excision, and resynthesis. ATP binding and hydrolysis play a pivotal role in mismatch repair functions. The ATPase activity associated with MutS alpha regulates binding similar to a molecular switch: mismatched DNA provokes ADP→ATP exchange, resulting in a discernible conformational transition that converts MutS alpha into a sliding clamp capable of hydrolysis-independent diffusion along the DNA backbone. This transition is crucial for mismatch repair. MutS alpha may also play a role in DNA homologous recombination repair. In melanocytes may modulate both UV-B-induced cell cycle regulation and apoptosis.

**Tissue specificity**

Ubiquitously expressed.

**Involvement in disease**

Defects in MSH2 are the cause of hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer type 1 (HNPCC1) [MIM:120435]. Mutations in more than one gene locus can be involved alone or in combination in the production of the HNPPC phenotype (also called Lynch syndrome). Most families with clinically recognized HNPPC have mutations in either MLH1 or MSH2 genes. HNPPC is an autosomal, dominantly inherited disease associated with marked increase in cancer susceptibility. It is characterized by a familial predisposition to early onset colorectal carcinoma (CRC) and extra-colonic cancers of the gastrointestinal, urological and female reproductive tracts. HNPPC is reported to be the most common form of inherited colorectal cancer in the Western world. Cancers in HNPPC originate within benign neoplastic polyps termed adenomas. Clinically, HNPPC is often divided into two subgroups. Type I: hereditary predisposition to colorectal cancer, a young age of onset, and carcinoma observed in the proximal colon. Type II: patients have an increased risk for cancers in certain tissues such as the uterus, ovary, breast, stomach, small intestine, skin, and larynx in addition to the colon. Diagnosis of classical HNPPC is based on the Amsterdam criteria: 3 or more relatives affected by colorectal cancer, one a first degree relative of the other two; 2 or more generation affected; 1 or more colorectal cancers presenting before 50 years of age; exclusion of hereditary polyposis syndromes. The term "suspected HNPPC" or "incomplete HNPPC" can be used to describe families who do not or only partially fulfill the Amsterdam criteria, but in whom a genetic basis for colon cancer is strongly suspected. MSH2 mutations may predispose to hematological malignancies and multiple cafe-au-lait spots. Defects in MSH2 are a cause of Muir-Torre syndrome (MuToS) [MIM:158320]; also abbreviated MTS. MuToS is a rare autosomal dominant disorder characterized by sebaceous neoplasms and visceral malignancy.

Defects in MSH2 are a cause of susceptibility to endometrial cancer (ENDMC) [MIM:608089]. Defects in MSH2 are a cause of hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer type 8 (HNPCC8) [MIM:613244]. HNPPC is a disease associated with marked increase in cancer susceptibility. It is characterized by a familial predisposition to early-onset colorectal carcinoma (CRC) and extra-colonic tumors of the gastrointestinal, urological and female reproductive tracts. HNPPC is reported to be the most common form of inherited colorectal cancer in the Western world. Clinically, HNPPC is often divided into two subgroups. Type I is characterized by hereditary predisposition to colorectal cancer, a young age of onset, and carcinoma observed in the proximal colon. Type II is characterized by increased risk for cancers in certain tissues such as the uterus, ovary, breast, stomach, small intestine, skin, and larynx in addition to the colon. Diagnosis of classical HNPPC is based on the Amsterdam criteria: 3 or more relatives affected by...
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**Sequence similarities**
Belongs to the DNA mismatch repair mutS family.

**Post-translational modifications**
Phosphorylated by PRKCZ, which may prevent MutS alpha degradation by the ubiquitin-proteasome pathway.
Phosphorylated upon DNA damage, probably by ATM or ATR.

**Cellular localization**
Nucleus.

**Images**

![Western blot - Anti-MSH2 antibody - C-terminal](ab229483) at 1/500 dilution +
Yeast whole cell extract at 10 µg

**Secondary**
HRP-conjugated anti-rabbit IgG

Developed using the ECL technique.

**Predicted band size:** 109 kDa

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