

# Anti-Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha antibody [EPR23871-271] - BSA and Azide free ab275748

KO VALIDATED Recombinant RabMAb

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### Overview

<b>Product name</b>	Anti-Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha antibody [EPR23871-271] - BSA and Azide free
<b>Description</b>	Rabbit monoclonal [EPR23871-271] to Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha - BSA and Azide free
<b>Host species</b>	Rabbit
<b>Tested applications</b>	<b>Suitable for:</b> IP, IHC-P, WB <b>Unsuitable for:</b> Flow Cyt or ICC/IF
<b>Species reactivity</b>	<b>Reacts with:</b> Mouse, Rat, Human
<b>Immunogen</b>	Recombinant fragment. This information is proprietary to Abcam and/or its suppliers.
<b>Positive control</b>	WB: Human testis tissue lysate; HeLa, Hep G2, NIH/3T3, PC-12, MCF7, U937 and HEK-203 whole cell lysates. IHC-P: Human testis tissue; Mouse testis tissue; Rat testis tissue. IP: HEK-293 and NIH/3T3 whole cell lysates.
<b>General notes</b>	<p>ab275748 is the carrier-free version of <a href="#">ab275745</a>.</p> <p>Our <b>carrier-free</b> antibodies are typically supplied in a PBS-only formulation, purified and free of BSA, sodium azide and glycerol. The carrier-free buffer and high concentration allow for increased conjugation efficiency.</p> <p>This conjugation-ready format is designed for use with fluorochromes, metal isotopes, oligonucleotides, and enzymes, which makes them ideal for antibody labelling, functional and cell-based assays, flow-based assays (e.g. mass cytometry) and Multiplex Imaging applications.</p> <p>Use our <b>conjugation kits</b> for antibody conjugates that are ready-to-use in as little as 20 minutes with &lt;1 minute hands-on-time and 100% antibody recovery: available for fluorescent dyes, HRP, biotin and gold.</p> <p>This product is compatible with the Maxpar<sup>®</sup> Antibody Labeling Kit from Fluidigm, without the need for antibody preparation. Maxpar<sup>®</sup> is a trademark of Fluidigm Canada Inc.</p> <p>This product is a recombinant monoclonal antibody, which offers several advantages including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- High batch-to-batch consistency and reproducibility</li><li>- Improved sensitivity and specificity</li><li>- Long-term security of supply</li><li>- Animal-free production</li></ul> <p>For more information <a href="#">see here</a>.</p> <p>Our RabMAb<sup>®</sup> technology is a patented hybridoma-based technology for making rabbit</p>

monoclonal antibodies. For details on our patents, please refer to [RabMAb® patents](#).

## Properties

<b>Form</b>	Liquid
<b>Storage instructions</b>	Shipped at 4°C. Store at +4°C.
<b>Storage buffer</b>	Constituent: 100% PBS
<b>Carrier free</b>	Yes
<b>Purity</b>	Protein A purified
<b>Clonality</b>	Monoclonal
<b>Clone number</b>	EPR23871-271
<b>Isotype</b>	IgG

## Applications

**The Abpromise guarantee** Our **Abpromise guarantee** covers the use of ab275748 in the following tested applications.

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

Application	Abreviews	Notes
IP		Use at an assay dependent concentration.
IHC-P		Use at an assay dependent concentration. Perform heat mediated antigen retrieval with Tris/EDTA buffer pH 9.0 before commencing with IHC staining protocol.
WB		Use at an assay dependent concentration. Detects a band of approximately 52 kDa (predicted molecular weight: 51 kDa).

**Application notes** Is unsuitable for Flow Cyt or ICC/IF.

## Target

**Function** Receptor for retinoic acid. Retinoic acid receptors bind as heterodimers to their target response elements in response to their ligands, all-trans or 9-cis retinoic acid, and regulate gene expression in various biological processes. The RXR/RAR heterodimers bind to the retinoic acid response elements (RARE) composed of tandem 5'-AGGTCA-3' sites known as DR1-DR5. In the absence of ligand, the RXR-RAR heterodimers associate with a multiprotein complex containing transcription corepressors that induce histone acetylation, chromatin condensation and transcriptional suppression. On ligand binding, the corepressors dissociate from the receptors and associate with the coactivators leading to transcriptional activation. RARA plays an essential role in the regulation of retinoic acid-induced germ cell development during spermatogenesis. Has a role in the survival of early spermatocytes at the beginning prophase of meiosis. In Sertoli cells, may promote the survival and development of early meiotic prophase spermatocytes. In concert with RARG, required for skeletal growth, matrix homeostasis and growth plate function (By similarity). Regulates expression of target genes in a ligand-dependent manner by recruiting chromatin complexes containing MLL5. Mediates retinoic acid-induced granulopoiesis.

## Involvement in disease

Note=Chromosomal aberrations involving RARA are commonly found in acute promyelocytic leukemia. Translocation t(11;17)(q32;q21) with ZBTB16/PLZF; translocation t(15;17)(q21;q21) with PML; translocation t(5;17)(q32;q11) with NPM. The PML-RARA oncoprotein requires both the PML ring structure and coiled-coil domain for both interaction with UBE2I, nuclear microspeckle location and sumoylation. In addition, the coiled-coil domain functions in blocking RA-mediated transactivation and cell differentiation.

## Sequence similarities

Belongs to the nuclear hormone receptor family. NR1 subfamily.  
Contains 1 nuclear receptor DNA-binding domain.

## Domain

Composed of three domains: a modulating N-terminal domain, a DNA-binding domain and a C-terminal ligand-binding domain.

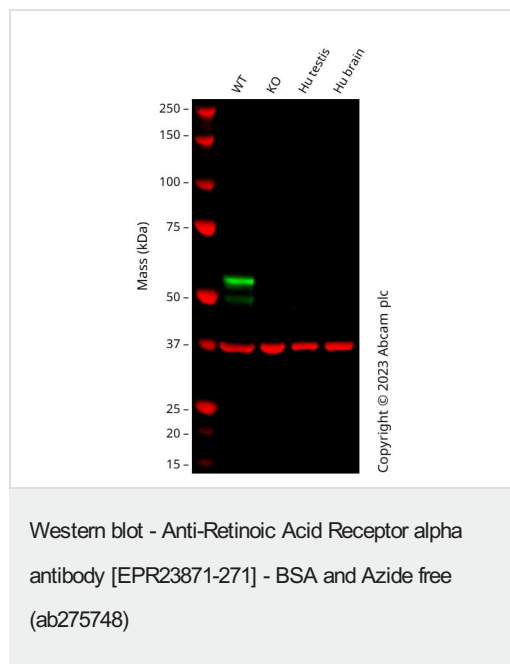
## Post-translational modifications

Phosphorylated on serine and threonine residues. Phosphorylation does not change during cell cycle. Phosphorylation on Ser-77 is crucial for transcriptional activity (By similarity). Phosphorylation by AKT1 is required for the repressor activity but has no effect on DNA binding, protein stability nor subcellular localization. Phosphorylated by PKA in vitro. This phosphorylation on Ser-219 and Ser-369 is critical for ligand binding, nuclear localization and transcriptional activity in response to FSH signaling.  
Sumoylated by SUMO2, mainly on Lys-399 which is also required for SENP6 binding. On all-trans retinoic acid (ATRA) binding, a conformational change may occur that allows sumoylation on two additional site, Lys-166 and Lys-171. Probably desumoylated by SENP6. Sumoylation levels determine nuclear localization and regulate ATRA-mediated transcriptional activity.  
Trimethylation enhances heterodimerization with RXRA and positively modulates the transcriptional activation.  
Ubiquitinated.

## Cellular localization

Nucleus. Cytoplasm. Nuclear localization depends on ligand binding, phosphorylation and sumoylation. Translocation to the nucleus in the absence of ligand is dependent on activation of PKC and the downstream MAPK phosphorylation.

## Images



**All lanes :** Anti-Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha antibody [EPR23871-271] ([ab275745](#)) at 1/1000 dilution

**Lane 1 :** Wild-type MCF7 cell lysate

**Lane 2 :** RARA knockout MCF7 cell lysate

**Lane 3 :** Human Testis cell lysate

**Lane 4 :** Human Brain cell lysate

Lysates/proteins at 20 µg per lane.

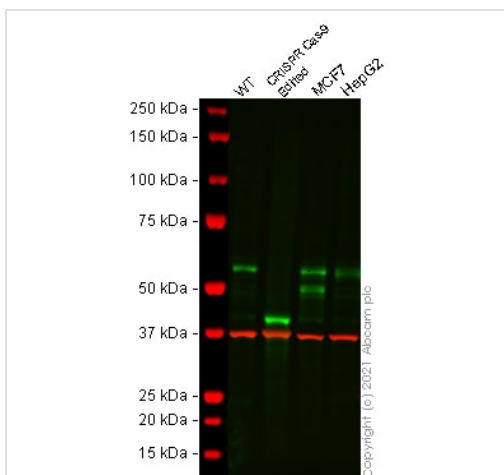
Performed under reducing conditions.

**Predicted band size:** 51 kDa

**Observed band size:** 50-55 kDa

This data was developed using the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation ([ab275745](#)).

Anti-RARA antibody [EPR23871-271] ([ab275745](#)) staining at 1/1000 dilution, shown in green; Mouse anti-GAPDH antibody [6C5] ([ab8245](#)) loading control staining at 1/20000 dilution, shown in red. In Western blot, [ab275745](#) was shown to bind specifically to RARA. A band was observed at 50-55 kDa in wild-type MCF7 cell lysates with no signal observed at this size in RARA knockout cell line [ab277158](#) (knockout cell lysate [ab281383](#)). To generate this image, wild-type and RARA knockout MCF7 cell lysates were analysed. First, samples were run on an SDS-PAGE gel then transferred onto a nitrocellulose membrane. Membranes were blocked in 3 % milk in TBS-0.1 % Tween<sup>®</sup> 20 (TBS-T) before incubation with primary antibodies overnight at 4 °C. Blots were washed four times in TBS-T, incubated with secondary antibodies for 1 h at room temperature, washed again four times then imaged. Secondary antibodies used were Goat anti-Rabbit IgG H&L 800CW and Goat anti-Mouse IgG H&L 680RD at 1/20000 dilution.



Western blot - Anti-Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha antibody [EPR23871-271] - BSA and Azide free ([ab275748](#))

**All lanes :** Anti-Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha antibody [EPR23871-271] ([ab275745](#)) at 1/1000 dilution

**Lane 1 :** Wild-type HeLa cell lysate

**Lane 2 :** RARA CRISPR-Cas9 edited HeLa cell lysate

**Lane 3 :** MCF7 cell lysate

**Lane 4 :** HepG2 cell lysate

Lysates/proteins at 20 µg per lane.

Performed under reducing conditions.

**Predicted band size:** 51 kDa

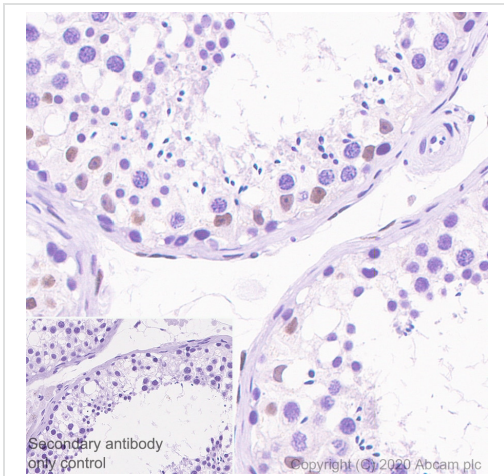
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**Lanes 1 - 4:** Merged signal (red and green). Green - [ab275745](#) observed at 40 kDa. Red - loading control, [ab8245](#) (Mouse anti-GAPDH antibody [6C5]) observed at 37 kDa.

[ab275745](#) was shown to react with Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha in wild-type HeLa cells in western blot. The bands observed in RARA

knockout cell line **ab265176** (RARA knockout cell lysate **ab257629**) below 40 kDa may represent truncated forms and cleaved fragments. This has not been investigated further. HeLa wild-type and RARA knockout cell lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE. Membranes were blocked in 3 % milk in TBS-T (0.1 % Tween®) before incubation with **ab275745** and **ab8245** (Mouse anti-GAPDH antibody [6C5]) overnight at 4°C at a 1 in 1000 dilution and a 1 in 20000 dilution respectively. Blots were incubated with Goat anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (IRDye® 800CW) preabsorbed (**ab216773**) and Goat anti-Mouse IgG H&L (IRDye® 680RD) preabsorbed (**ab216776**) secondary antibodies at 1 in 20000 dilution for 1 h at room temperature before imaging.



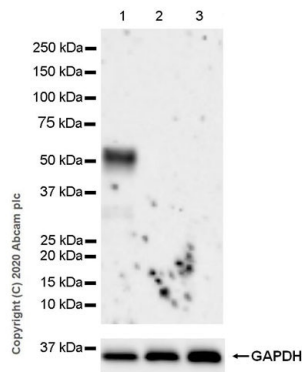
Immunohistochemistry (Formalin/PFA-fixed paraffin-embedded sections) - Anti-Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha antibody [EPR23871-271] - BSA and Azide free (ab275748)

This data was developed using **ab275745**, the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation.

Immunohistochemical analysis of paraffin-embedded Human testis tissue labeling Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha with **ab275745** at 1/1000 (2.71 ug/ml) dilution followed by a ready to use LeicaDS9800 (Bond™ Polymer Refine Detection) was used. Nuclear staining on sertoli cells of human testis. The section was incubated with **ab275745** for 30 mins at room temperature. The immunostaining was performed on a Leica Biosystems BOND® RX instrument. Counterstained with Hematoxylin.

Secondary antibody only control: Secondary antibody is a ready to use LeicaDS9800 (Bond™ Polymer Refine Detection).

Heat mediated antigen retrieval using **ab93684** (Tris/EDTA buffer, pH 9.0).



Western blot - Anti-Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha antibody [EPR23871-271] - BSA and Azide free (ab275748)

**All lanes** : Anti-Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha antibody [EPR23871-271] (**ab275745**) at 1/1000 dilution

**Lane 1** : Human testis tissue lysate

**Lane 2** : Human brain tissue lysate

**Lane 3** : Human skeletal muscle tissue lysate

Lysates/proteins at 20 µg per lane.

**Secondary**

**All lanes** : VeriBlot for IP secondary antibody(HRP)(**ab131366**) at 1/1000 dilution

**Predicted band size:** 51 kDa

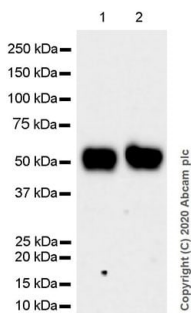
**Observed band size:** 52 kDa

This data was developed using **ab275745**, the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation.

Blocking and diluting buffer and concentration: 5% NFDm/TBST.

**Low expression:** human brain, human skeletal muscle (Database:GTEXPportal, HPA).

Exposure time: 103 seconds.



Western blot - Anti-Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha antibody [EPR23871-271] - BSA and Azide free (ab275748)

**All lanes** : Anti-Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha antibody [EPR23871-271] (**ab275745**) at 1/1000 dilution

**Lane 1** : NIH/3T3 (mouse embryonic fibroblast) whole cell lysate

**Lane 2** : PC-12 (rat adrenal gland pheochromocytoma) whole cell lysate

Lysates/proteins at 20 µg per lane.

**Secondary**

**All lanes** : Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG, (H+L), Peroxidase conjugated (**ab97051**) at 1/20000 dilution

**Predicted band size:** 51 kDa

**Observed band size:** 52 kDa

This data was developed using [ab275745](#), the same antibody clone in a different buffer formulation.

Blocking and diluting buffer and concentration: 5% NFDm/TBST.

Exposure time: 70 seconds.

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Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha was immunoprecipitated from 0.35 mg HEK-293 (human embryonic kidney epithelial cell) whole cell lysate with [ab275745](#) at 1/30 dilution (2ug in 0.35mg lysates).

Western blot was performed on the immunoprecipitate using [ab275745](#) at 1/1000 dilution. VeriBlot for IP Detection Reagent (HRP)([ab131366](#)) was used at 1/5000 dilution.

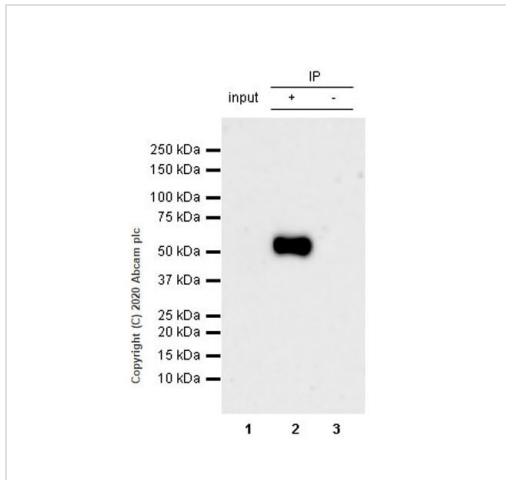
**Lane 1:** HEK-293 (human embryonic kidney epithelial cell) whole cell lysate 10 ug

**Lane 2:** [ab275745](#) IP in HEK-293 whole cell lysate

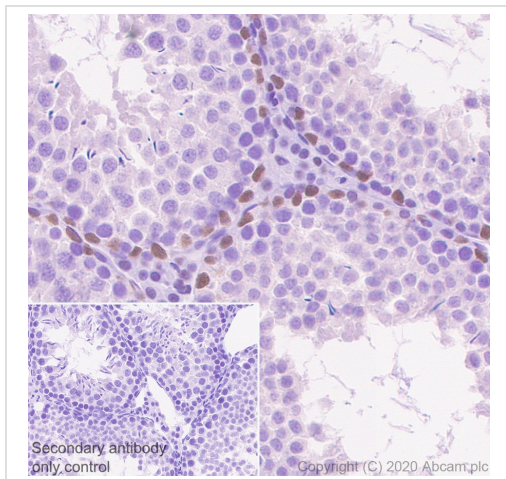
**Lane 3:** Rabbit monoclonal IgG ([ab172730](#)) instead of [ab275745](#) in HEK-293 whole cell lysate

Blocking and dilution buffer and concentration: 5% NFDm/TBST.

Exposure time: 84 seconds.



Immunoprecipitation - Anti-Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha antibody [EPR23871-271] - BSA and Azide free (ab275748)



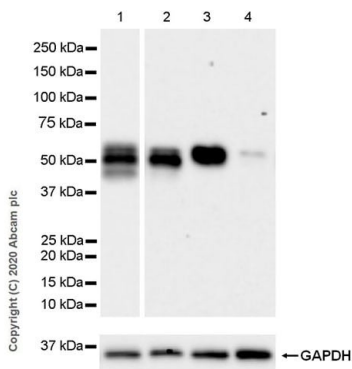
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**All lanes** : Anti-Retinoic Acid Receptor alpha antibody [EPR23871-271] ([ab275745](#)) at 1/1000 dilution

**Lane 1** : MCF7 (human breast adenocarcinoma epithelial cell) whole cell lysate

**Lane 2** : U937 (human histiocytic lymphoma monocyte) whole cell lysate

**Lane 3** : HEK-293 (human embryonic kidney epithelial cell) whole cell lysate

**Lane 4** : MOLT-4 (human lymphoblastic leukemia T lymphoblast) whole cell lysate

Lysates/proteins at 20 µg per lane.

### Secondary

**All lanes** : Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG, (H+L), Peroxidase conjugated ([ab97051](#)) at 1/20000 dilution

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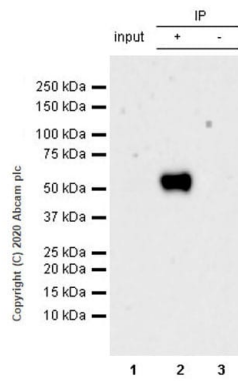
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Blocking and diluting buffer and concentration: Low expression in MOLT-4. (Database: HPA)

Lane 1: 8 seconds Lane 2-4: 70 seconds

Exposure time:





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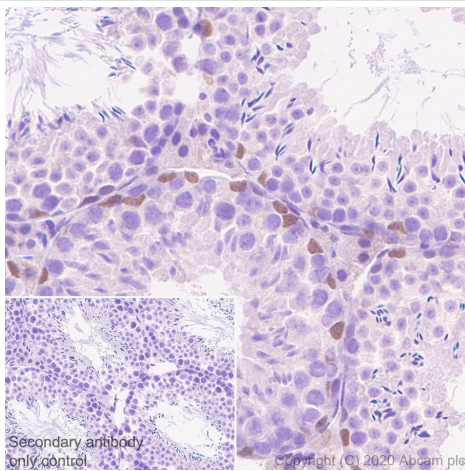
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