

# **DB043:** PUMA (I17)

## **Background:**

The Bcl-2 family proteins can function to either suppress or promote cell death and are characterized by the presence of up to four conserved amino acid motifs, termed Bcl-2 homology (BH) domains (1). The BH3 function has been further revealed by an emerging group of BH3-only proteins, that includes Bik, Bad, Bid, Bim, Noxa, and the newest member PUMA or bbc3 (1&2). The PUMA gene is a target of p53 transcriptional activation and encodes two BH3 domain-containing proteins (PUMA-alpha and PUMA-beta) (3&4). The activities of PUMA-alpha and PUMA-beta are similar; they bind to Bcl-2, localize to the mitochondria to induce cytochrome c release, and activate extremely rapid apoptosis (3&4).

## **Origin:**

PUMA (I17) is provided as an affinity purified rabbit polyclonal antibody, raised against a peptide mapping to an internal domain of human PUMA.

#### **Product Details:**

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g/ml of affinity purified rabbit IgG PUMA (I17) DB043, in 1 ml PBS containing 0.1 % sodium azide and 0.2% gelatin.

## **Competition Studies:**

A blocking peptide is also available, *DB043P*, for use in competition studies. Each vial contains 100 µg of peptide in 0.5 ml PBS with 0.1% sodium azide and 100 µg BSA.

## **Specificity:**

PUMA (I17) DB043 reacts with PUMA of mouse, rat, and human origin by western blotting. Western blotting starting dilution 1:200.

IP and IHC not yet tested

#### **Storage:**

Store this product at 4° C, do not freeze. The product is stable for one year from the date of shipment.

#### **References:**

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