

# *DB070*: β-Actin (A11)

### **Background:**

All eukaryotic cell types express actin. The regulation of the actin cytoskeleton is tightly linked to vital biological properties such as polarity, motility, cell-cell contact, exocytosis and proliferation (1&2). While lower eukaryotes such as yeast, have only one actin gene; higher eukaryotes have several isoforms encoded by a family of genes (3&4). At least six types of actin are present in mammalian tissues and fall into three classes (5). Alpha-actin expression is limited to various types of muscle, whereas beta and gamma are the principle constituents of filaments in other tissues (6).

## **Origin:**

 $\beta$ -Actin (A11) is provided as an affinity purified rabbit polyclonal antibody, raised against a peptide mapping to the amino terminal domain of human  $\beta$ -Actin.

#### **Product Details:**

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g/ml of affinity purified rabbit IgG,  $\beta$ -Actin (A11) DB070, in 1 ml PBS containing 0.1 % sodium azide and 0.2% gelatin.

## **Competition Studies:**

A blocking peptide is also available, DB070P, 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:**

 $\beta$ -Actin (A11) is recommended to detect mouse, rat, and human  $\beta$ -Actin by western blotting and immunohistochemistry. Recommended western blotting starting dilution 1:200.

#### **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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