



DB101: p53 (Pab 1801)

Background:

The p53 tumor suppressor gene encodes a transcription factor that contributes to several cellular activities that include apoptosis, transient growth arrest, and sustained growth arrest or senescence (1). Mutations within the p53 gene are found in about half of all human cancers (2). In cells that are functioning normally the MDM2 protein binds to p53 and maintains p53 at low levels by increasing its susceptibility to proteolysis by the 26S proteasome (3). A cell that undergoes stress loses the ability of MDM2 to bind to p53 and as a result p53 levels increase which then leads to cell cycle arrest or apoptosis (3&4). p53 induced cell cycle arrest or apoptosis can be achieved through transcriptional regulation of several genes including the cell cycle inhibitor p21, DNA repair gene GADD45, and the apoptotic inducer Bax (5). Besides MDM2 inactivation, p53 can also be functionally inactivated by mutation or binding to DNA tumor virus encoded proteins, such as SV40 large T antigen, Adenovirus E1B and papilloma virus E6 proteins (6).

Origin:

p53 (Pab 1801) is a mouse monoclonal IgG₁ derived by fusion of NS-1 myeloma cells with spleen cells from a BALB/c mouse immunized with a synthetic peptide corresponding to amino acids 32-79 of human p53.

Product Details:

Each vial contains 200 µg/ml of mouse monoclonal IgG₁ p53 (Pab 1801) DB101, in 1 ml PBS containing 0.1 % sodium azide and 0.2% gelatin.

Specificity:

p53 (Pab 1801) DB101 reacts with p53 of Human origin by Western blotting, immunoprecipitation, and immunohistochemistry (including paraffin-embedded sections). Western blotting starting dilution: 1:100. Positive control A431 WCL.

Storage:

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

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