

Product Information

Anti-PIWL1 Antibody

Mouse Monoclonal, Clone PIWL1-2, Purified from Hybridoma Cell Culture

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Product Description

Monoclonal Anti-PIWL1 (mouse IgG2b isotype) is derived from the hybridoma PIWL1-2 produced by the fusion of mouse myeloma cells and splenocytes from BALB/c mice immunized with a synthetic peptide corresponding to an internal region of human PIWL1 (GeneID: 9271), conjugated to KLH. The corresponding sequence differs by one amino acid in mouse PIWL1. The isotype is determined by ELISA using Mouse Monoclonal Antibody Isotyping Reagents (Cat. No. ISO2). The antibody is purified from culture supernatant of hybridoma cells grown in a bioreactor.

Monoclonal Anti-PIWL1 recognizes human and mouse PIWL1. The antibody may be used in various immunochemical techniques including immunoblotting (~ 95 kDa), immunoprecipitation and immunohistochemistry. Detection of the PIWL1 band by immunoblotting is specifically inhibited by the immunizing peptide.

The Argonaute proteins are evolutionarily conserved between species and have been implicated in both transcriptional and post-transcriptional gene silencing. Many organisms encode multiple members of the family, which can be subdivided into the Ago subfamily (EIF2C1/hAGO1, EIF2C2/hAGO2, EIF2C3/hAGO3, and EIF2C4/hAGO4) and the Piwi subfamily (PIWL1/Hiwi, PIWL2/Hili, PIWL3, and PIWL4/Hiwi2). The expression of Piwi proteins is restricted mostly to the germ line, where they bind piRNAs, whereas Ago proteins, which are ubiquitously expressed, bind to siRNAs or miRNAs. Both subfamilies share two main structural features, the PAZ domain and the PIWI domain. Piwi proteins and piRNAs have been implicated in epigenetic control of gene expression, transposon silencing and translation regulation.¹⁻³ Piwi proteins play crucial roles during germline development and gametogenesis of many metazoan species.³ They undergo symmetrical dimethyl arginines (sDMAs) modification by PMRT5. This modification serves as a binding site for Tud proteins that are necessary for gametogenesis in both flies and mice.⁴

Reagent

Supplied as a solution in 0.01 M phosphate buffered saline, pH 7.4, containing 15 mM sodium azide as a preservative.

Antibody Concentration: ~ 1.0 mg/mL

Precautions and Disclaimer

For R&D use only. Not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

Storage/Stability

For continuous use, store at 2-8 °C for up to one month. For extended storage, freeze at -20 °C in working aliquots. Repeated freezing and thawing, or storage in "frost-free" freezers, is not recommended. If slight turbidity occurs upon prolonged storage, clarify the solution by centrifugation before use. Working dilution samples should be discarded if not used within 12 hours.

Product Profile

Immunoblotting

A working concentration of 2.5-5.0 µg/mL is recommended using whole cell extracts of HEK-293T cells over-expressing PIWL1.

Immunohistochemistry

A working concentration of 10-20 µg/mL is recommended using heat-retrieved formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded mouse testis and biotin/ExtrAvidin®-Peroxidase staining system.

Note: In order to obtain the best results using various techniques and preparations, we recommend determining optimal working dilutions by titration.

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