



Catalog Number:	RA18008	Host:	Rabbit
Product Type:	Affinity purified antibody	Species Reactivity:	Rat, Mouse, Human
Immunogen Sequence:	Phosphopeptide corresponding to residues surrounding Ser133 of human CREB. Antibodies are purified by protein A and peptide affinity chromatography.	Format:	Liquid in 10mM sodium HEPES (pH7.5), 150mM NaCl, 100ug BSA and 50% glycerol
Applications:	Western blotting Immunoprecipitation Immunocytochemistry Dilutions listed only as a recommendation. Optimal dilution should be determined by investigator.		
Storage:	Store at -20°C. Do not aliquot.		

Application Notes

Phospho-CREB (Ser133) Antibody detects endogenous levels of CREB only when phosphorylated at serine 133. This antibody also detects the phosphorylated form of the CREB-related protein, ATF-1.

Western Blot Protocol

Sample Preparation

1. Treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
2. Aspirate media from cultures; wash cells with 1X PBS; aspirate.
3. Lyse cells by adding 1X SDS sample buffer (100 μ l per well of 6-well plate or 500 μ l per plate of 10 cm plate). Immediately scrape cells from plate and transfer the extract to a microcentrifuge tube. Keep on ice.
4. Sonicate for 10–15 seconds to shear DNA and reduce sample viscosity.
5. Heat a 20 μ l sample to 95–100°C for 5 minutes; cool on ice.
6. Microcentrifuge for 5 minutes.
7. Load 20 μ l onto SDS-PAGE gel (10 cm x 10 cm).
8. Electrotransfer to nitrocellulose (or PVDF) membrane.

Membrane Blocking and Antibody Incubations

Note: Volumes for 10 cm x 10 cm (100 cm²) membrane; for different sized membranes, adjust vol. accordingly.

1. (Optional) After transfer, wash nitrocellulose membrane with 25 ml TBS for 5 minutes at room temperature.
2. Incubate membrane in 25 ml of blocking buffer for 1 hour at room temperature.
3. Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.
4. Incubate membrane and primary antibody (at the appropriate dilution) in 10 ml primary antibody dilution buffer with gentle agitation overnight at 4°C.
5. Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.
6. Incubate membrane with HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (1:2000) in 10 ml of blocking buffer with gentle agitation for 1 hour at room temperature.
7. Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.
8. Process membranes using enhanced chemiluminescence.

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Immunoprecipitation Protocol

Sample Preparation

1. Aspirate media. Treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
2. To harvest cells under non-denaturing conditions, remove media and rinse cells once with ice-cold PBS.
3. Remove PBS and add 0.5 ml 1X ice-cold cell lysis buffer plus 1 mM PMSF to each plate (10 cm) and incubate the plate on ice for 5 minutes.
4. Scrape cells off the plate and transfer to microcentrifuge tubes. Keep on ice.
5. Sonicate on ice four times for 5 seconds each.
6. Microcentrifuge for 10 minutes at 4°C, and transfer the supernatant to a new tube. The supernatant is the cell lysate. If necessary, lysate can be stored at -80°C.

Immunoprecipitation

1. Take 200 µl cell lysate and add primary antibody; incubate with gentle rocking overnight at 4°C.
2. Add protein A agarose beads (20 µl of 50% bead slurry). Incubate with gentle rocking for 1–3 hrs at 4°C.
3. Microcentrifuge for 30 seconds at 4°C. Wash pellet five times with 500 µl of 1X cell lysis buffer. Keep on ice during washes.
4. Resuspend the pellet with 20 µl 3X SDS sample buffer. Vortex, then microcentrifuge for 30 seconds.
5. Heat the sample to 95–100°C for 2–5 minutes.
6. Load the sample (15–30 µl) on SDS-PAGE gel (12–15%).
7. Analyze sample by Western blotting (see Western Immunoblotting Protocol).

Solutions and Reagents for Western Blot and Immunoprecipitation

Note: Prepare solutions with Milli-Q or equivalently purified water.

*1X Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)**1X SDS Sample Buffer:*

62.5 mM Tris-HCl (pH 6.8 at 25°C), 2% w/v SDS, 10% glycerol, 50 mM DTT, 0.01% w/v bromophenol blue or phenol red

3X SDS Sample Buffer:

187.5 mM Tris-HCl (pH 6.8 at 25°C), 6% w/v SDS, 30% glycerol, 150 mM DTT, 0.03% w/v bromophenol blue

1X Cell Lysis Buffer:

20 mM Tris (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM EGTA, 1% Triton X-100, 2.5 mM Sodium pyrophosphate, 1 mM b-Glycerolphosphate, 1 mM Na₃VO₄, 1 µg/ml Leupeptin. *Note: Addition of PMSF before use is suggested.*

Transfer Buffer:

25 mM Tris base, 0.2 M glycine, 20% methanol (pH 8.5)

10X Tris Buffered Saline (TBS):

To prepare 1 liter of 10X TBS: 24.2 g Tris base, 80 g NaCl; adjust pH to 7.6 with HCl (use at 1X).

*Nonfat Dry Milk (weight to volume [w/v])**Blocking Buffer:*

1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 with 5% w/v nonfat dry milk; for 150 ml, add 15 ml 10X TBS to 135 ml water, mix. Add 7.5 g nonfat dry milk and mix well. While stirring, add 0.15 ml Tween-20 (100%).

Wash Buffer:

1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 (TBS/T)

*Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)**Primary Antibody Dilution Buffer:*

1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 with 5% BSA; for 20 ml, add 2 ml 10X TBS to 18 ml water, mix. Add 1.0 g BSA and mix well. While stirring, add 20 µl Tween-20 (100%).

Protein A Agarose Beads:

Add 5 ml of 1X PBS to 1.5 g of protein A agarose beads. Shake 2 hours at 4°C; spin down. Wash pellet twice with PBS. Resuspend beads in 1 volume of PBS. (Can be stored for 2 weeks at 4°C.)

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Immunohistochemistry Protocol for Paraffin Sections

1. Deparaffinize/hydrate sections:
 - a. Incubate sections in three washes of xylene for 5 minutes each.
 - b. Incubate sections in two washes of 100% ethanol for 10 minutes each.
 - c. Incubate sections in two washes of 95% ethanol for 10 minutes each.
2. Wash sections twice in dH₂O for 5 minutes each followed by wash in PBS for 5 minutes.
3. For antigen unmasking, heat sections in microwave in 10 mM sodium citrate buffer (pH 6.0) for 1 minute at full power followed by 9 minutes at medium power. (Keep slides fully immersed in buffer and maintain temperature at or just below boiling. Exact microwave incubation times need to be determined empirically.) Cool slides for 20 minutes after antigen unmasking.
4. Wash sections in dH₂O three times for 5 minutes each.
5. Incubate sections in 1% hydrogen peroxide for 10 minutes.
6. Wash sections in dH₂O three times for 5 minutes each.
7. Wash section in PBS for 5 minutes.
8. Block each section with 100–400 µl in dilution buffer for 1 hour at room temperature.
9. Remove solution and add 100–400 µl diluted primary antibody to each section. (Dilute antibody in dilution buffer.) Incubate overnight at 4°C.
10. Remove antibody solution and wash sections in PBS three times for 5 minutes each.
11. Add 100–400 µl secondary antibody, diluted in dilution buffer, to each section. Incubate 30 minutes at room temperature.
12. If using ABC biotin/avidin method, make ABC reagent according to the manufacturer's instructions and incubate solution for 30 minutes at room temperature.
13. Remove secondary antibody solution and wash sections three times with PBS for 5 minutes each.
14. Add 100–400 µl ABC reagent to each section and incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.
15. Remove ABC reagent and wash sections three times in PBS for 5 minutes each.
16. Add 100–400 µl DAB reagent to each section and monitor staining closely.
17. As soon as the section turns brown, immerse slides in dH₂O.
18. If desired, counterstain sections in hematoxylin for 10 seconds.
19. Wash sections in dH₂O three times for 5 minutes each.
20. Dehydrate sections:
 - a. Incubate sections in 95% ethanol two times for 10 seconds each.
 - b. Repeat in 100% ethanol, incubating sections two times for 10 seconds each.
 - c. Repeat in xylene, incubating sections two times for 10 seconds each.
21. Mount coverslips.

Solutions and Reagents for Immunohistochemistry

Xylene

Ethanol

Distilled H₂O (dH₂O)

Hematoxylin

1X Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)

Tris Buffered Saline (TBS):

50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 150 mM NaCl

10 mM Sodium Citrate Buffer:

To prepare 1 liter, add 2.94 g sodium citrate to 1 liter dH₂O. Adjust pH to 6.0.

1% Hydrogen Peroxide:

To prepare, add 10 ml 30% H₂O₂ to 290 ml dH₂O.

Dilution Buffer:

5% normal horse, donkey or goat serum in 0.1% Triton X-100, TBS. Normal serum should be from same species as secondary antibody.

ABC Reagent (Vectastain ABC Kit, Vector Laboratories, Inc., Burlingame, CA):

Prepare according to manufacturer's instructions 30 minutes before use.

DAB Reagent:

Add 6.7 µg of 30% hydrogen peroxide to 10 ml dH₂O; add this mixture to 10 ml of 1 mg/ml DAB (diaminobenzidine tetrahydrochloride) in PBS, filter.

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Immunocytochemistry (ABC)**Fixation**

1. Prepare 4% paraformaldehyde or 100% Methanol.
2. Treat cells as desired.
3. Quickly wash cells once with cool or room temperature 1X PBS.
4. Immerse cells in 4% paraformaldehyde for 10 minutes at 4°C -or- in 100% for 10 minutes at -20°C.
5. Rinse cells 1 time with PBS at room temperature.
6. Aspirate, to permeabilize wash 3 times for 5 minutes each with 1 ml 0.1% Triton X-100, TBS or alternatively with 100% methanol at -20°C or 5 minutes.
7. Aspirate fixative/permeabilizer and wash 3 times for 5 minutes each with 1 ml 0.1% Triton X-100, TBS. Rinse with TBS.
8. Aspirate, then incubate with 1 ml Dilution Buffer for 45–60 minutes at room temperature.

Staining

1. Aspirate, then incubate with primary antibody at suggested dilution in Dilution Buffer overnight at 4°C.
Note: When using any primary antibody for the first time, titrate out the primary to determine which dilution allows the strongest specific signal with the least background.
2. Wash two times for 5 minutes each with 1 ml 0.1% Triton X-100, TBS.
3. Incubate with biotinylated secondary antibody (diluted appropriately in Dilution Buffer; 1:500 for secondary antibody from Vectastain ABC Kit) for 1 hour at room temperature.
4. Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 1 ml 0.1% Triton X-100, TBS.
5. Wash once for 5 minutes with 1 ml TBS.
6. Incubate for exactly 30 minutes in 0.6% H₂O₂ at room temperature.
7. Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 1 ml 0.1% Triton X-100, TBS.
8. Wash once with TBS.
9. Incubate for 1 hour with 0.5–1.0 ml ABC Reagent at room temperature. (Add 2 drops solution A into 5 ml PBS, mix, then add 2 drops solution B, mix.)
10. Wash two times for 5 minutes each with 1 ml TBS.
11. Add 1 ml DAB Reagent. Monitor reaction progress under the microscope. Reaction may proceed for 10 minutes.
12. Terminate reaction by adding an equal volume of water.
13. Aspirate and wash once with 1 ml of water.
14. View cells in 6-well plate or mount coverslips.

Solutions and Reagents for Immunocytochemistry

Note: Prepare solutions with Milli-Q or equivalently purified water.

1X Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)

Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)

4% Paraformaldehyde:

Prepare day of use either from commercial 16% stock solution or by dissolving paraformaldehyde in 1X PBS by heating at 60°C and stirring until it dissolves. Cool before use.

Tris Buffered Saline (TBS):

50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 150 mM NaCl

0.1% Triton X-100:

Prepare stock of 20% Triton in TBS; rotate tube overnight to dissolve. Dilute to 0.1%

Dilution Buffer:

5% normal horse, donkey or goat serum in 0.1% Triton X-100, TBS. Normal serum should be from same species as secondary antibody

0.6% Hydrogen Peroxide:

200 µl 30% H₂O₂ in 10 ml TBS

ABC Reagent (Vectastain ABC Kit, Vector Laboratories, Inc., Burlingame, CA):

Prepare according to manufacturer's instructions 30 minutes before use.

DAB Reagent:

Add 6.7 µg of 30% hydrogen peroxide to 10 ml dH₂O; add this mixture to 10 ml of 1 mg/ml DAB (diaminobenzidine tetrahydrochloride) in PBS, filter.

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