

**Background**

Host- and pathogen-associated cytoplasmic double-stranded DNA triggers the activation of a NALP3-independent inflammasome, which activates caspase-1, leading to maturation of pro-interleukin-1 $\beta$  and inflammation. Several studies have isolated AIM2 (absent in melanoma 2) as a candidate cytoplasmic-DNA-sensing protein that contains an N-terminal pyrin domain and C-terminal oligonucleotide binding domain. A screen for transcripts induced by interferon- $\beta$  identified AIM2 gene expression. AIM2 protein bound double-stranded DNA, recruited the inflammasome adaptor ASC, and localized to ASC containing speckles. AIM2 and ASC form a pyroptosome, which induces pyroptotic cell death mediated by caspase-1. Asc can be phosphorylated at Tyr-144 in a Syk and JNK-dependent manner. This phosphorylation is critical for Asc speck formation and Caspase-1 activation.

**Background References**

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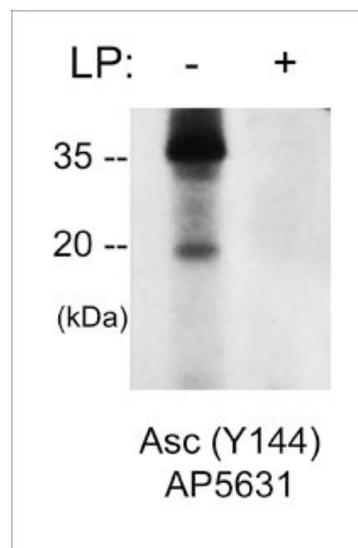
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*WB: mouse bone marrow macrophages*

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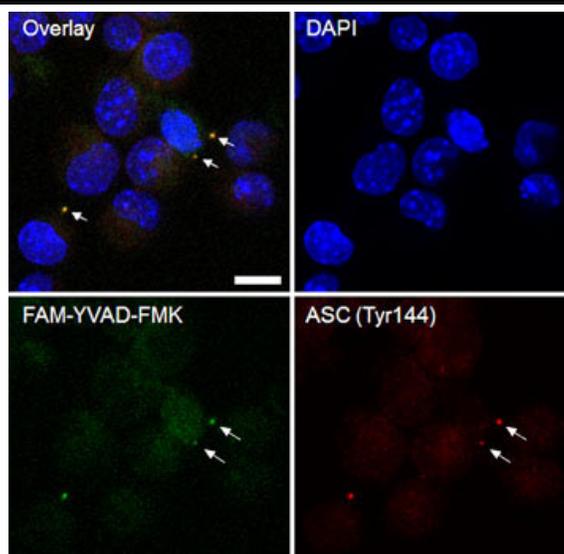
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Western blot analysis of mouse macrophage J774A.1 cells stimulated with pervanadate (1 mM for 30 min.), then untreated (-) or treated (+) with alkaline phosphatase. The blot was probed with rabbit polyclonal anti-Asc (Tyr-144) phospho-specific antibody (AP5631) at 1:500.



Immunocytochemical labeling of Asc (Tyr-144) in inflammasomes. Paraformaldehyde fixed J774 cells were primed with LPS and treated with nigericin. Cells were co-labeled with DAPI, a caspase-1 inhibitor (FAM-YVAD-FMK), and anti-Asc (Tyr-144) phosphospecific antibody detected with AlexaFluor 568 secondary. (Image provided by Jordan Yaron, Center for Biosignatures Discovery Automation, Arizona State University)

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**Immunogen**                      **Uniprot ID: Q9EPB4**

Asc (Tyr-144) phospho-peptide (coupled to KLH) corresponding to amino acid residues surrounding Tyr-144 in mouse Asc. This peptide sequence is highly conserved in human and rat Asc.

**Buffer and Storage**

Rabbit polyclonal, affinity-purified antibody is supplied in 100 µl phosphate-buffered saline, 50% glycerol, 1 mg/ml BSA, and 0.05% sodium azide. Store at -20°C. Stable for 1 year.

**Applications**

WB	1:1000
ELISA	1:1000
ICC	1:100

**Species Reactivity**

Hu, Rt, Ms

End user should determine optimal dilution for their particular applications and experiments.

Western blot membranes were incubated with diluted antibody in 5% non-fat milk, Tris buffer, 0.04% Tween20 for 1 hour at room temperature.

Abbreviations: E = ELISA, ICC = immunocytochemistry, IHC = immunohistochemistry, IP = immunoprecipitation, MS = mass spectrometry, WB = western blot  
Hu = Human, Ms = Mouse, Rt = Rat, Ck = Chicken, F = Frog, B = Bovine

**Specificity**

This antibody was cross-adsorbed to unphosphorylated Asc (Tyr-144) peptide before affinity purification using phospho-Asc (Tyr-144) peptide (without carrier). The antibody detects phosphorylated Asc (Tyr-144) in the inflammasome. In J774 macrophage cells primed with LPS and treated with nigericin, the antibody colocalized with an inflammasome marker, caspase-1 inhibitor (FAM-YVAD-FMK). In addition, the antibody detects a 20 kDa Asc protein in western blots of J774A.1 mouse macrophages treated with pervanadate.

\*All molecular weights (MW) are confirmed by comparison to MW standards and to western blot mobilities of known proteins with similar MW.

"Native" western blot utilizes non-reducing sample buffer (no mercaptoethanol or SDS), normal SDS-PAGE gel electrophoresis, and no methanol in transfer buffers.

**Related Products**

- AP3851 AIM2 (N-terminal region) Rabbit Polyclonal
- CM4891 Caspase-1 (C-terminal region) Mouse Monoclonal
- CM4911 Caspase-3 (p17 subunit) Mouse Monoclonal
- CM3771 Caspase-3 (N-terminal region) Mouse Monoclonal
- CK6360 Caspase Family Antibody Sampler Kit

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