

## Background

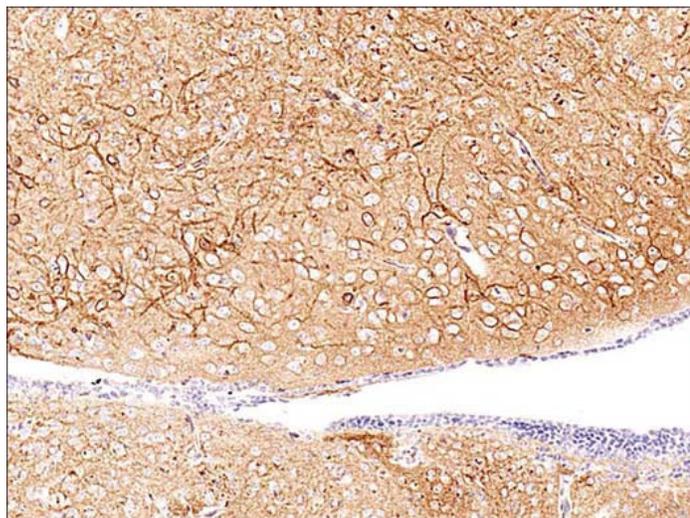
The Protein Kinase C (PKC) family of homologous serine/threonine protein kinases is involved in a number of processes such as growth, differentiation, and cytokine secretion. At least eleven isozymes have been described. PKC consists of a single polypeptide chain containing four conserved regions (C) and five variable regions (V). The N-terminal half interacts with PKC activators Ca<sup>2+</sup>, phospholipid, diacylglycerol, or phorbol ester, while the C-terminal half contains the catalytic domain. The conventional PKC subfamily ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ 1,  $\beta$ II, and  $\gamma$ ) is regulated by both Ca<sup>2+</sup> and diacylglycerol. The PKC pathway represents a major signal transduction system that is activated following ligand-stimulation of transmembrane receptors by hormones, neurotransmitters and growth factors. The phosphorylation of multiple sites in conventional PKCs regulates their activity. In mast cells, Fc $\epsilon$ RI stimulation leads to phosphorylation of tyrosine 658 and 662 of PKC $\alpha$  and PKC $\beta$ I respectively. This phosphorylation requires autophosphorylation of serine 657 and 661 in these respective kinases.



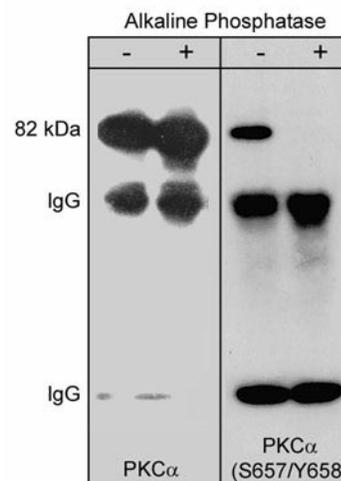
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Formalin fixed, citric acid treated paraffin sections of adult mouse brain. Sections were probed with anti-PKC $\alpha$  (PM2371) then anti-mouse:HRP before detection using DAB. (Image provided by Carl Hobbs and Dr. Pat Doherty at Wolfson Centre for Age-Related Diseases, King's College London).



Western blot analysis of immunoprecipitates from neonatal rat brain lysate using anti-PKC $\alpha$  antibody. Control and alkaline phosphatase treated precipitates were probed with anti-PKC $\alpha$  (Central region) or anti-phospho-PKC $\alpha$  (Ser-657/Tyr-658). The latter shows no detection of PKC $\alpha$  after phosphatase treatment.

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**Immunogen**                      **Uniprot ID: P17252**

Clone (M237) was generated from a recombinant human PKC $\alpha$  that included amino acids residues in the central region. This region is highly conserved in rat and mouse PKC $\alpha$ , and has homology to conserved regions in PKC $\beta$ .

**Buffer and Storage**

Mouse monoclonal antibody purified with protein A chromatography is supplied in 100 $\mu$ l phosphate-buffered saline, 50% glycerol, 1 mg/ml BSA, and 0.05% sodium azide. Store at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Stable for 1 year.

**Applications**

WB	1:1000
ELISA	1:2000
ICC	1:300
IP	1:100
IHC	1:500

**Species Reactivity**

Hu, Rt, Ms

**Isotype:** IgG2b

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: ELISA (Cap) = ELISA capture, ICC = immunocytochemistry, IHC = immunohistochemistry, IP = immunoprecipitation, WB = western blot  
Hu = Human, Ms = Mouse, Rt = Rat, Ck = Chicken, F = Frog, B = Bovine

**Specificity**

This antibody detects an 82kDa\* protein corresponding to the molecular mass of PKC $\alpha$  on SDS-PAGE immunoblots of neonatal rat brain and adult mouse brain lysates.

\*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**

- PP1091 PKC $\alpha$  (Ser-657/Tyr-658), phospho-specific Rabbit Polyclonal
- PM1101 PKC ( $\alpha,\beta,2,\gamma$ ) Mouse Monoclonal
- PM2171 PKC $\theta$  (N-terminal region) Mouse Monoclonal
- PM2421 PKC $\delta$  (N-terminal region) Mouse Monoclonal
- BL7011 Mouse Brain Lysate



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