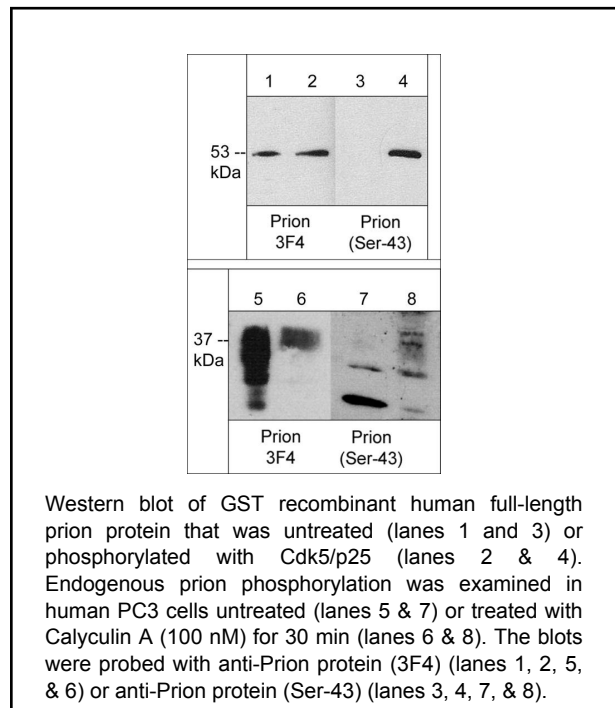


### Background

Prion related neurodegenerative diseases, called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, are observed in many animal species. These diseases involve conversion of normal cellular prion protein (PrP<sup>c</sup>) into a form that is insoluble and resistant to proteases (PrP<sup>Sc</sup>). The protease resistant form can polymerize into fibrils which accumulate in infected tissues and cause cell death and tissue damage. PrPs have an N-terminal signal sequence and a C-terminal linkage to glycosylphosphatidylinositol anchor. The mature protein is a glycosylated protein that associates with cell membranes. Phosphorylation of PrP<sup>c</sup> at Ser-43 by Cdk5 promotes proteinase K resistance, prion aggregation, and fibril formation in vitro. In addition, Ser-43 phosphorylation is upregulated in scrapie-infected mouse brain relative to controls. Thus, phosphorylation of Ser-43 may be an important mechanism leading conversion of PrP<sup>c</sup> to PrP<sup>Sc</sup> and the onset of disease.



### Background References

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### Applications

WB	1:1000
ELISA	1:2000

### Species Reactivity

Hu, Rt, Ms

### Specificity

This antibody was affinity purified using phospho-Prion Protein (Ser-43) peptide (without carrier). The antibody detects a human recombinant Prion protein after phosphorylation by Cdk5/p25 complex. In addition, the antibody may detect aggregated forms of prion in human PC3 cells treated with Calyculin A.

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, PBS, 0.04% Tween20 for 1 hour at room temperature.

\*All molecular weights (MW) are confirmed by comparison to Bio-Rad Rainbow Markers and to western blot mobilities of known proteins with similar MW.

### Immunogen

Uniprot ID: P04156

Prion Protein (Ser-43) antibody was generated from a phospho-peptide that included amino acids surrounding Serine 43 in human prion protein. This sequence has high homology to the conserved site in rat, mouse, and bovine prion protein.

### Buffer and Storage

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

### Related Products

- AK6060 Actin & Tubulin Antibody Sampler Kit
- CM2361 Cdk5 Mouse Monoclonal
- MK6050 MAP Kinase Activation Antibody Sampler Kit
- PM3971 Prion Protein (a.a. 109-112) Mouse Monoclonal
- PX3955 phospho-Prion Protein (Ser-43) Blocking Peptide

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