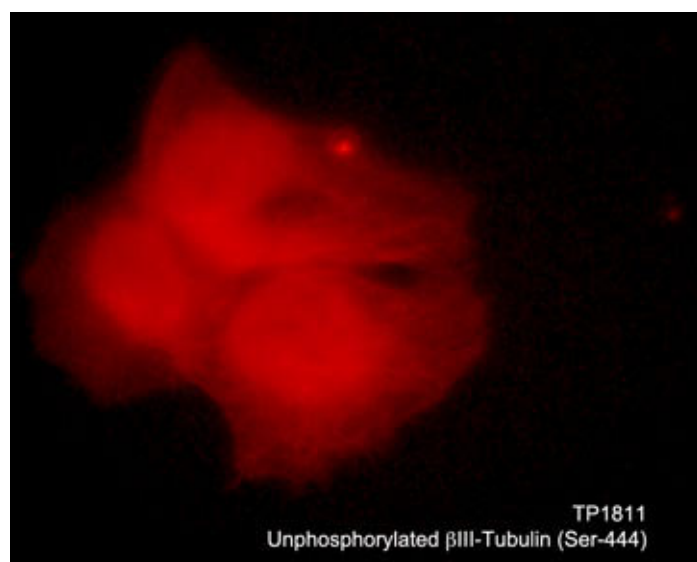


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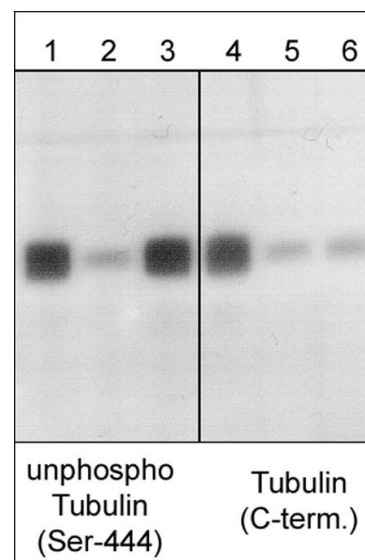
Microtubules (MTs) are cytoskeletal elements that play an essential role in cell division and cytoplasmic organization. MTs are dynamic polymers of α/β -Tubulin heterodimers. At least two populations of MTs, called dynamic and stable according to their rates of turnover, are readily distinguishable in cells. The proteins associated with MTs (MAPs) are among the best-known factors that regulate MT dynamics and stability. In addition, a variety of different post-translational modifications may also regulate MT dynamics and stability. Phosphorylation is one of these modifications and it can occur on serine, threonine, and tyrosine residues in β -Tubulin isoforms. Multiple kinases can phosphorylate Ser-444 at the C-terminus of β III-Tubulin *in vitro*. Unphosphorylated Ser-444 in β III-Tubulin is an early marker for cells of neuronal lineage, while phosphorylation of Ser-444 is upregulated after neuronal maturation and may preferentially occur in assembled MTs. By contrast, Cdk1 phosphorylation of Ser-172 in β -Tubulin occurs in mitotic cells and may impair tubulin incorporation into microtubules.

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Immunocytochemical labeling of β -tubulin in aldehyde fixed and NP-40 permeabilized human NCI-H1299 lung carcinoma cells. The cells were labeled with rabbit polyclonal anti-unphosphorylated β -Tubulin (TP1811). The antibody was detected using goat anti-rabbit DyLight® 594.



Western blot analysis of mouse brain. The blot was probed with anti-unphosphorylated β III-Tubulin (Ser-444) (lanes 1-3) and anti- β III-Tubulin (C-terminus) (lanes 4-6) polyclonal antibodies. Both antibodies were used in the presence of unphosphorylated β III-Tubulin (Ser-444) peptide (lanes 2 & 5; TX1815) and phospho- β III-Tubulin (Ser-444) peptide (lanes 3 & 6; TX1695).

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Immunogen**Uniprot ID: Q13509**

Unphosphorylated β III-Tubulin (Ser-444) synthetic peptide (coupled to KLH) corresponding to amino acid residues around serine 444 of human β III-Tubulin. This sequence is not found in β I or β II-Tubulin isoforms, but is well conserved in β III-Tubulins from rat and mouse.

Buffer and Storage

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

Applications

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| WB | 1:1000 |
| ICC | 1:100 |
| ELISA | 1:2000 |

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 phospho- β III-Tubulin (Ser-444) peptide before affinity purification using unphosphorylated β III-Tubulin (Ser-444) peptide (without carrier). The antibody detects a 50 kDa* protein corresponding to the molecular mass of unphosphorylated β III-Tubulin on SDS-PAGE immunoblots of purified brain tubulin and mouse brain tissue.

*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 ProductsTM1541 β -Tubulin Mouse MonoclonalTP1691 β III-Tubulin (C-terminus) Rabbit PolyclonalTP1721 β -Tubulin (Ser-172), phospho-specific Rabbit PolyclonalTP1781 β -Tubulin (a.a. 168-177) Rabbit Polyclonal

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