# Phospho-MEK1 (Ser298) Antibody [L22P14]

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# Product Datasheet

## Biological Description

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| Specificity | Phospho-MEK1 (Ser298) Antibody [L22P14] detects endogenous levels of total MEK1 protein only when it is phosphorylated at Ser298 |
| Background | Phospho-MEK1 (Ser298) refers to MEK1, a dual-specificity kinase in the MAPK/ERK cascade, phosphorylated at serine 298 by PAK1, which enhances Raf-mediated phosphorylation of its activation loop serines 218/222 to drive signal transduction to ERK1/2 for cell growth, differentiation, and adhesion responses. MEK1 features a typical kinase domain with N- and C-lobes, proline-rich motifs, and key residues, such as Asp217 near the A-loop, that interact with upstream regulators, like B-Raf's Arg662, to facilitate A-loop repositioning and phosphorylation flexibility during activation. Ser298 phosphorylation by PAK1 serves as a critical convergence for integrin and growth factor signaling, localizing phospho-MEK1 to peripheral adhesion sites via FAK/Src dependency, promoting MEK1-ERK complex formation, MAPK activation, and fibronectin-stimulated responses like cell spreading, while mutants lacking this site (S298A) impair ERK phosphorylation and pathway efficiency in NIH/3T3 or other cells. This modification is adhesion-regulated, distinct from serum-independent basal phosphorylation, and supports transformation or differentiation without cross-reactivity to MEK2. |

## Usage Information

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| Application | WB, IP | Dilution | WB: 1:1000; IP: 1:50 |
| Reactivity | Human, Mouse, Rat | | |
| Source | Rabbit Monoclonal Antibody | MW | 45 kDa |
| Storage Buffer | PBS, pH 7.2+50% Glycerol+0.05% BSA+0.01% NaN3 | | |
| Storage (from the date of receipt) | -20°C (avoid freeze-thaw cycles), 2 years | | |

### Experimental Methods

**WB**

Experimental Protocol:

Sample preparation
1. Tissue: Lyse the tissue sample by adding an appropriate volume of ice-cold **RIPA/NP-40 Lysis Buffer (containing Protease Inhibitor Cocktail, Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktail)**，and homogenize the tissue at a low temperature or lyse it by sonication on ice, then incubate on ice for 30 minutes.
2. Adherent cell: Aspirate the culture medium and wash the cells with ice-cold PBS twice. Lyse the cells by adding an appropriate volume of **RIPA/NP-40 Lysis Buffer (containing Protease Inhibitor Cocktail, Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktail)**, sonicate to lyse the cells, and incubate on ice for 30 minutes.
3. Suspension cell: Transfer the culture medium to a pre-cooled centrifuge tube. Centrifuge and aspirate the supernatant. Wash the cells with ice-cold PBS twice. Lyse the cells by adding an appropriate volume of **RIPA/NP-40 Lysis Buffer (containing Protease Inhibitor Cocktail, Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktail)**, sonicate to lyse the cells, and incubate on ice for 30 minutes.
4. Place the lysate into a pre-cooled microcentrifuge tube. Centrifuge at 4°C for 15 min. Collect the supernatant;
5. Remove a small volume of lysate to determine the protein concentration;
6. Combine the lysate with protein loading buffer. Boil 20 µL sample under 95-100°C for 5 min. Centrifuge for 5 min after cool down on ice.

Electrophoretic separation
1. According to the concentration of extracted protein, load appropriate amount of protein sample and marker onto SDS-PAGE gels for electrophoresis. Recommended separating gel (lower gel) concentration: 10%. Reference Table for Selecting SDS-PAGE Separation Gel Concentrations
2. Power up 80V for 30 minutes. Then the power supply is adjusted (110 V~150 V), the Marker is observed, and the electrophoresis can be stopped when the indicator band of the predyed protein Marker where the protein is located is properly separated. (Note that the current should not be too large when electrophoresis, too large current (more than 150 mA) will cause the temperature to rise, affecting the result of running glue. If high currents cannot be avoided, an ice bath can be used to cool the bath.)

Transfer membrane
1. Take out the converter, soak the clip and consumables in the pre-cooled converter;
2. Activate PVDF membrane with methanol for 1 min and rinse with transfer buffer;
3. Install it in the order of "black edge of clip - sponge - filter paper - filter paper - glue -PVDF membrane - filter paper - filter paper - sponge - white edge of clip";
4. The protein was electrotransferred to PVDF membrane. ( 0.45 µm PVDF membrane is recommended ) Reference Table for Selecting PVDF Membrane Pore Size Specifications
Recommended conditions for wet transfer: **200 mA, 120 min**.
( Note that the transfer conditions can be adjusted according to the protein size. For high-molecular-weight proteins, a higher current and longer transfer time are recommended. However, ensure that the transfer tank remains at a low temperature to prevent gel melting.)

Block
1. After electrotransfer, wash the film with TBST at room temperature for 5 minutes;
2. Incubate the film in the blocking solution **( recommending 5% BSA solution)** for 1 hour at room temperature;
3. Wash the film with TBST for 3 times, 5 minutes each time.

Antibody incubation
1. Use 5% skim milk powder to prepare the primary antibody working liquid (recommended dilution ratio for primary antibody 1:1000), gently shake and incubate with the film at 4°C overnight;
2. Wash the film with TBST 3 times, 5 minutes each time;
3. Add the secondary antibody to the blocking solution and incubate with the film gently at room temperature for 1 hour;
4. After incubation, wash the film with TBST 3 times for 5 minutes each time.

Antibody staining
1. Add the prepared ECL luminescent substrate (or select other color developing substrate according to the second antibody) and mix evenly;
2. Incubate with the film for 1 minute, remove excess substrate (keep the film moist), wrap with plastic film, and expose in the imaging system.

## References

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17314031/ https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/12876277/

## Application Data

WB

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Lane 1: MDA-MB-231, Lane 2: MDA-MB-231 (phosphatase treated), Lane 3: NIH/3T3, Lane 4: NIH/3T3 (phosphatase treated)