

**AM26673AF-N****Monoclonal Antibody to MAP2K1 - Azide Free**

<b>Alternate names:</b>	Dual specificity mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 1, ERK activator kinase 1, MAP kinase kinase 1, MAPK/ERK kinase 1, MAPKK 1, MEK1, PRKMK1
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.1 ml
<b>Concentration:</b>	1.0 mg/ml
<b>Background:</b>	The MAP kinases mediate a wide range of cellular functions via a variety of signal transduction pathways in eukaryotic cells. The most studied mammalian MAP kinase pathway is the Ras-Raf-MEK-ERK pathway. The binding of GTP to Ras protein initiates a phosphorylation cascade through Raf-1 and MEK1/2 (MAPK kinase), which results in stimulation of the MAP kinases, ERK1/2. Upon stimulation, ERKs are known to phosphorylate a variety of cytosolic substrates and are also translocated into the nucleus where they initiate the transcription of immediate early genes. The Ras-Raf-MEK-ERK pathway is stimulated by various growth factors and extracellular stimuli and plays important roles in cell survival, differentiation and proliferation. The observation that MEK1/2 inhibitors potentiate the antitumor activity of various cytotoxic agents, including ara-C, cisplatin and paclitaxel, suggests a possible role for MEK1/2 inhibitors in the treatment of human malignancies.
<b>Uniprot ID:</b>	<a href="#">Q02750</a>
<b>NCBI:</b>	<a href="#">NP_002746.1</a>
<b>GenID:</b>	<a href="#">5604</a>
<b>Host / Isotype:</b>	Mouse / IgG2a
<b>Clone:</b>	4A5
<b>Immunogen:</b>	Recombinant Xenopus MAPKK
<b>Format:</b>	<b>State:</b> Liquid Ig fraction without preservatives <b>Purification:</b> Protein A Agarose <b>Buffer System:</b> PBS containing 50% glycerol <b>Preservatives:</b> None
<b>Applications:</b>	<b>Western blot:</b> 1-5 µg/mL for chemiluminescence detection system. <b>Immunoprecipitation:</b> 5-10 µg/200 µL of cell extract from 5x10 <sup>6</sup> cells. For details see protocol below. Other applications not tested. Optimal dilutions are dependent on conditions and should be determined by the user.
<b>Specificity:</b>	This antibody reacts with MAPKK (MEK1).
<b>Species Reactivity:</b>	<b>Tested:</b> Human, mouse, rat, xenopus
<b>Add. Information:</b>	This product was originally produced by MBL International.
<b>Storage:</b>	Upon receipt, store undiluted (in aliquots) at -20°C. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing. Shelf life: one year from despatch.

**General Readings:**

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**Protocols:****SDS-PAGE & Western Blotting**

- 1) Wash the cells 3 times with PBS and suspend with 10 volume of cold Lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.2, 250 mM NaCl, 0.1% NP-40, 2 mM EDTA, 10% glycerol) containing appropriate protease inhibitors. Incubate it at 4°C with rotating for 30 minutes, then sonicate briefly (up to 10 seconds).
- 2) Centrifuge the tube at 12,000 x g for 10 minutes at 4°C and transfer the supernatant to another tube. Measure the protein concentration of the supernatant and add the cold Lysis buffer to make 8 mg/mL solution.
- 3) Mix the sample with equal volume of Laemmli's sample buffer.
- 4) Boil the samples for 3 minutes and centrifuge. Load 10 µL of sample per lane on a 1-mm-thick SDS-polyacrylamide gel and carry out electrophoresis.
- 5) Blot the protein to a polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) membrane at 1 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> for 1 hour in a semi-dry transfer system (Transfer Buffer: 25 mM Tris, 190 mM glycine, 20% MeOH). See the manufacturer's manual for precise transfer procedure.
- 6) To reduce nonspecific binding, soak the membrane in 10% skimmed milk (in PBS, pH 7.2) for 1 hour at room temperature, or overnight at 4°C.
- 7) Incubate the membrane with primary antibody diluted with PBS, pH 7.2 containing 1% skimmed milk as suggested in the APPLICATIONS for 1 hour at room temperature. (The concentration of antibody will depend on the conditions.)
- 8) Wash the membrane with PBS-T [0.05% Tween-20 in PBS] (5 minutes x 3 times).
- 9) Incubate the membrane with the 1:10,000 HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG diluted with 1% skimmed milk (in PBS, pH 7.2) for 1 hour at room temperature.
- 10) Wash the membrane with PBS-T (10 minutes x 3 times).
- 11) Wipe excess buffer on the membrane, then incubate it with appropriate chemiluminescence reagent for 1 minute.
- 12) Remove extra reagent from the membrane by dabbing with paper towel, and seal it in plastic wrap.
- 13) Expose to an X-ray film in a dark room for 3 minutes.
- 14) Develop the film as usual. The condition for exposure and development may vary. (Positive controls for Western blotting; Jurkat, Raji, HeLa, NIH/3T3, PC12)

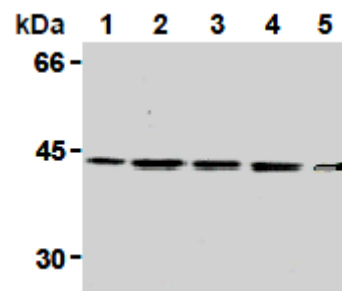
**Immunoprecipitation**

- 1) Collect the cultured cells from 75-cm<sup>2</sup> flask (containing about 0.5-1 x 10<sup>7</sup> cells).
- 2) Wash the cells 2 times with PBS and suspend with 1,200 µL of cold Lysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.4, 250mM NaCl, 0.1% NP-40, 2mM EDTA) containing appropriate protease inhibitors. Incubate it at 4°C with rotating for 15 minutes, then sonicate briefly (up to 10 seconds).
- 3) Centrifuge the tube at 12,000 x g for 10 minutes at 4°C and transfer the supernatant to another tube.

- 4) Add 50  $\mu$ L of 50% protein A agarose beads in the supernatant. Incubate it at 4°C with rotating for 60 minutes.
- 5) Centrifuge the tube at 12,000 x g for 5 minutes at 4°C. Supernatant is equally divided into another two tube.
- 6) Add primary antibody as suggested in the APPLICATIONS into the supernatant. Vortex briefly and incubate with gently agitation for 60-120 minutes at 4°C.
- 7) Add 20  $\mu$ L of 50% protein A agarose beads into the tube. Mix well and incubate with gentle agitation for 30-60 minutes at 4°C.
- 8) Wash the beads 3-5 times with ice-cold IP buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, 250 mM NaCl, 0.1% NP-40, pH7.4) (centrifuge the tube at 2,500 x g for 10 seconds).
- 9) Resuspend the beads in 30  $\mu$ L of Laemmli's sample buffer, boil for 3-5 minutes, and centrifuge for 5 minutes. Load 15  $\mu$ L of the sample per lane in a 1-mm-thick SDS-polyacrylamide gel and carry out electrophoresis.
- 10) Blot the protein to a polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) membrane at 1 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> for 1 hour in a semi-dry transfer system (Transfer Buffer: 25 mM Tris, 190 mM glycine, 20% MeOH). See the manufacturer's manual for precise transfer procedure.
- 11) To reduce nonspecific binding, soak the membrane in 10% skimmed milk (in PBS, pH 7.2) for 1 hour at room temperature, or overnight at 4°C.
- 12) Incubate the membrane with primary antibody diluted with PBS, pH 7.2 containing 1% skimmed milk as suggested in the APPLICATIONS for 1 hour at room temperature. (The concentration of antibody will depend on the conditions.)
- 13) Wash the membrane with PBS-T [0.05% Tween-20 in PBS] (5 minutes x 3 times).
- 14) Incubate the membrane with the 1:10,000 HRP-conjugated anti-mouse IgG kappa chain diluted with 1% skimmed milk (in PBS, pH 7.2) for 1 hour at room temperature.
- 15) Wash the membrane with PBS-T (10 minutes x 3 times).
- 16) Wipe excess buffer on the membrane, then incubate it with appropriate chemiluminescence reagent for 1 minute.
- 17) Remove extra reagent from the membrane by dabbing with paper towel, and seal it in plastic wrap.
- 18) Expose to an X-ray film in a dark room for 3 minutes.
- 19) Develop the film as usual. The condition for exposure and development may vary. (Positive control for Immunoprecipitation; Jurkat)

**Pictures:**

Western blot analysis of MAPKK (MEK1) expression in Jurkat (1), Raji (2), HeLa (3), NIH/3T3 (4) and PC12 (5) using AM26673AF-N.



MEK1 immunoprecipitation of MAPKK/MEK1 from Jurkat with mouse IgG2a (1) or AM26673AF-N (2). After immunoprecipitated with the antibody, immunocomplex was resolved on SDS-PAGE and immunoblotted with AM26673AF-N. Jurkat crude lysate was resolved in lane 3. 3020

