

## Product Information

### Monoclonal Anti-ATG5, Clone ATG5-18

produced in mouse, purified immunoglobulin

Product Number **A2859**

#### Product Description

Monoclonal Anti-ATG5 (mouse IgG2a isotype) is derived from the hybridoma ATG5-18 produced by the fusion of mouse myeloma cells and splenocytes from BALB/c mice immunized with a synthetic peptide corresponding to a fragment of human Atg5 (GenID: 9474), conjugated to KLH. The corresponding sequence is identical in rat and mouse. The isotype is determined using a double diffusion immunoassay using Mouse Monoclonal Antibody Isotyping Reagents, Product Number ISO2. The antibody is purified from culture supernatant of hybridoma cells grown in a bioreactor.

Monoclonal Anti-ATG5 recognizes the human, rat, and mouse Atg5-Atg12 complex by immunoblotting (~56 kDa) and immunoprecipitation.

Macroautophagy, usually referred to as autophagy, is a major pathway for bulk degradation of cytoplasmic constituents and organelles. In this process, portions of the cytoplasm are sequestered into double membrane vesicles, the autophagosomes, and subsequently delivered to the lysosome for degradation and recycling.<sup>1,2</sup> Although autophagy is a constitutive cellular event, it is enhanced under certain conditions such as starvation, hormonal stimulation and drug treatments.<sup>3</sup> Autophagy is required for normal turnover of cellular components during starvation. It plays an essential role in cellular differentiation, cell death and aging. Defective autophagy may contribute to certain human diseases such as cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, muscular disorders and pathogen infections.<sup>4,5</sup> Autophagy is an evolutionary conserved pathway seen in all eukaryotic cells.<sup>1</sup> At least 16 ATG genes required for autophagosome formation were identified in yeast by genetic screens. For many of these genes, related homologs have been identified in mammals.<sup>6</sup>

Atg5 (also known as Apg5) is a 32 kDa protein essential for autophagy. Atg5 is covalently modified by Atg12, a ubiquitin-like modifier. This conjugation reaction requires ATP and two enzymes, Atg7 and Atg10, which are E1- and E2-like enzymes, respectively. The Atg12-Atg5 conjugate interacts non-covalently with Atg16. The Atg12-Atg5-Atg16 complex localizes to autophagosome precursors and plays an essential role in autophagosome formation.<sup>7,8</sup> Recently it was reported that in addition to the role of Atg5 in the formation of autophagosomes, an Atg5 fragment produced by calpain cleavage has pro-apoptotic properties.<sup>9,10</sup>

#### Reagent

Supplied as a solution in 0.01 M phosphate buffered saline, pH 7.4, containing 15 mM sodium azide as a preservative.

Antibody concentration: ~1.0 mg/mL

#### Precautions and Disclaimer

For R&D use only. Not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

#### Storage/Stability

For continuous use, store at 2–8 °C for up to one month. For extended storage, freeze at –20 °C in working aliquots. Repeated freezing and thawing, or storage in “frost-free” freezers, is not recommended. If slight turbidity occurs upon prolonged storage, clarify the solution by centrifugation before use. Working dilution samples should be discarded if not used within 12 hours.

#### Product Profile

**Immunoblotting:** a working antibody concentration of 2.5-5.0 µg/mL is recommended using a whole extract of human K562 cells.

**Note:** In order to obtain best results in various techniques and preparations, it is recommended to determine optimal working dilutions by titration.

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