

# Mucin 4 (8G7): sc-53945

## BACKGROUND

Mucins are a group of high molecular weight glycoproteins consisting of a mucin core protein and O-linked carbohydrates. Mucin 4, a membrane-bound mucin, is the human homolog of the rat sialomucin complex (SMC). Mucin 4 protein consists of Mucin 4 $\alpha$ , a large amino mucin type subunit and Mucin 4 $\beta$ , a transmembrane subunit containing three EGF-like domains. The Mucin 4 gene is the predominant mucin gene expressed in the normal urothelium and is also expressed in several normal tissues such as trachea, lung and testis. Dysregulation of Mucin 4 results in high levels of expression in pancreatic tumors and tumor cell lines. Induction of Mucin 4 in pancreatic carcinoma by all-*trans*-retinoic acid is mediated through the retinoic acid receptor- $\alpha$  signaling pathway. TGF $\beta$ 2 serves as an interim mediator of this regulated expression. Alternative splicing in the 3'-end of the Mucin 4 gene generates at least 12 splice variants, which are characterized as 2 distinct types, a secreted type and a membrane-associated type. Mucin 4 protein acts as a heterodimeric bifunctional cell-surface glycoprotein and forms thick mucous effusion in the diseased middle ear.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: MUC4 (human) mapping to 3q29.

## SOURCE

Mucin 4 (8G7) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against a synthetic peptide (STGDTTLPVTDTSV) directed against the Mucin 4 tandem repeats of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgG<sub>1</sub> in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

## STORAGE

Store at 4° C, **\*\*DO NOT FREEZE\*\***. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

## APPLICATIONS

Mucin 4 (8G7) is recommended for detection of Mucin 4 of human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and immunohistochemistry (including paraffin-embedded sections) (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

Suitable for use as control antibody for Mucin 4 siRNA (h): sc-43163, Mucin 4 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43163-SH and Mucin 4 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43163-V.

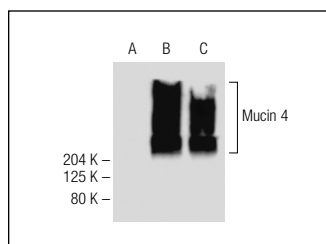
Molecular Weight of glycosylated Mucin 4: 980 kDa.

Molecular Weight (predicted) of Mucin 4  $\alpha$ : 850 kDa.

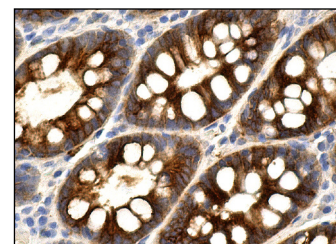
Molecular Weight (predicted) of Mucin 4  $\beta$ : 80 kDa.

Positive controls: MCF7 whole cell lysate: sc-2206 or HUV-EC-C whole cell lysate: sc-364180.

## DATA



Mucin 4 (8G7): sc-53945. Western blot analysis of Mucin 4 expression in Panc-1 (A), CD-18/HPAF (B) and Colo357 (C) cells showing glycosylation. Kindly provided by Dr. Surinder Batra, University of Nebraska Medical Center.



Mucin 4 (8G7): sc-53945. Immunoperoxidase staining of formalin fixed, paraffin-embedded human rectum tissue showing membrane and cytoplasmic staining of glandular cells.

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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## RESEARCH USE

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