

α -Tubulin

Cat.No. 302 211C3; Monoclonal mouse antibody, 50 μ g purified IgG (lyophilized)

Data Sheet

Reconstitution/ Storage	50 μ g purified IgG, lyophilized, fluorescence-labeled with Oyster [®] 550. Rabbit serum albumin was added for stabilization. For reconstitution add 50 μ l H ₂ O to get a 1mg/ml solution in PBS. Either add 1:1 (v/v) glycerol, then aliquot and store at -20°C until use, or store aliquots at -80°C without additives. Reconstitute immediately upon receipt! Avoid bright light when working with the antibody to minimize photo bleaching of the fluorescent dye. The mounting agent Aquatex [®] (Merck Chemicals) is not compatible with Oyster dyes!
Applications	WB: N/A IP: N/A ICC: 1 : 500 up to 1 : 1000 IHC: not tested yet IHC-P/FFPE: not tested yet
Label	Oyster 550
Clone	3A2
Subtype	IgG1 (κ light chain)
Immunogen	Synthetic peptide corresponding to AA 419 to 435 from human α -tubulin 4A (UniProt Id: P68366)
Epitop	Epitop: AA 419 to 435 from human α -tubulin 4A (UniProt Id: P68366)
Reactivity	Reacts with: human (P68366), rat, mouse, vertebrates, invertebrates, yeast. Other species not tested yet.
Specificity	Specific for α -tubulin (glu- and tyr- α -tubulin).
matching control	302-21P

TO BE USED IN VITRO / FOR RESEARCH ONLY NOT TOXIC, NOT HAZARDOUS, NOT INFECTIOUS, NOT CONTAGIOUS

Microtubules are involved in a wide variety of cellular activities ranging from mitosis and transport events to cell movement and the maintenance of cell shape.
Tubulin itself is a globular protein which consists of two polypeptides, **α -tubulin** and β -tubulin. α - and β -tubulin dimers are assembled to 13 protofilaments that form a microtubule of 22 nm diameter. Tyrosine ligase adds a C-terminal tyrosine to monomeric α -tubulin. Assembled microtubules can again be detyrosinated by a cytoskeleton associated carboxypeptidase. Detyrosinated α -tubulin is referred to as **Glu- α -tubulin**. Another post-translational modification of detyrosinated α -tubulin is C-terminal polyglutamylation which is characteristic for microtubules in neuronal cells and the mitotic spindle. A third variant of detyrosinated α -tubulin is **Δ 2-tubulin** which lacks the C-terminal glutamic acid. It cannot be tyrosinated by tyrosine ligase and is one of the

dominant α -tubulin isoforms in neurons.

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