## Beclin-1 (D40C5) Rabbit mAb

**✓** 100 μl (10 western blots) Cell Signaling

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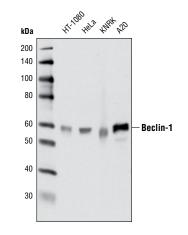
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Applications	Species Cross-Reactivity*	Molecular Wt.	Isotype	
W, IP	H, M, R, Mk	60 kDa	Rabbit IgG**	

Background: Autophagy is a catabolic process for the autophagosomic-lysosomal degradation of proteins activated in response to nutrient deprivation and in neurodegenerative conditions (1). One of the proteins critical to this process is Beclin-1, the mammalian orthologue of the yeast autophagy protein Apg6/Vps30 (2). Beclin-1 can complement defects in yeast autophagy caused by loss of Apg6 and can also stimulate autophagy when overexpressed in mammalian cells (3). Mammalian Beclin-1 was originally isolated in a yeast-two hybrid screen for Bcl-2 interacting proteins and has been shown to interact with BcI-2 and BcI-xL but not with Bax or Bak (4). While Beclin-1 is generally ubiquitously expressed, it is monoallelically deleted in 40-75% of sporadic human breast and ovarian cancers (5). It is localized within cytoplasmic structures including the mitochondria, although overexpression of Beclin-1 reveals some nuclear staining and CRM1-dependent nuclear export (6). Beclin-1 -/- mice die early in embryogenesis and Beclin-1 -/+ mice have a high incidence of spontanteous tumors. Stem cells from the null mice demonstrate an altered autophagic response although responses to apoptosis appeared normal (7). Overexpression of Beclin-1 in virally infected neurons in vivo resulted in signficant protection against Sindbis virusinduced disease and neuronal apoptosis (4).

Specificity/Sensitivity: Beclin-1 (D40C5) Rabbit mAb detects endogenous levels of total Beclin-1 protein.

Source/Purification: Monoclonal antibody is produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide corresponding to residues surrounding Thr72 of human Beclin-1.



Western blot analysis of extracts from various cell lines using Beclin-1 (D40C5) Rabbit mAb.

Entrez-Gene ID #8678 Swiss-Prot Acc. #Q14457

Storage: Supplied in 10 mM sodium HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 μg/ml BSA, 50% glycerol and less than 0.02% sodium azide. Store at -20°C. Do not aliquot the antibody.

\*Species cross-reactivity is determined by western blot.

\*\*Anti-rabbit secondary antibodies must be used to detect this antibody.

## **Recommended Antibody Dilutions:**

Western blotting 1:1000 Immunoprecipitation 1:100

For application specific protocols please see the web page for this product at www.cellsignal.com.

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## **Background References:**

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IMPORTANT: For western blots, incubate membrane with diluted antibody in 5% w/v BSA, 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 at 4°C with gentle shaking, overnight.