
anti-cytochrome C

Cat #: HM1107
Rabbit polyclonal IgG
0.2 µg/µl, store at 4 °C

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APPLICATIONS

Cytochrome c is a heme-containing electron transport protein essential to energy conversion in all aerobic organisms. In mammalian cells, it is normally localized to the mitochondrial intermembrane space. Recent studies have shown that cytochrome c is a factor necessary for activation of apoptosis. During apoptosis, cytochrome c is translocated from the mitochondrial membrane to the cytosol, where it is required for activation of caspase-3 (CPP32). The release of cytochrome c from mitochondria can be blocked by Bcl-2, thereby blocking the apoptotic process. Overexpression of Bax has been shown to induce the release of cytochrome c and to induce cell death. The release of cytochrome c from the mitochondria is thought to trigger an apoptotic cascade, whereby Apaf-1 binds to Apaf-3 (caspase-9) in a cytochrome c-dependent manner, leading to caspase-9 cleavage of CPP32.

SPECIFICITY

This antibody specifically reacts with cytochrome C of mouse, rat, and human origin.

The antibody can be used in Western blotting, immunoprecipitation and immunohistochemistry.

IMMUNOGEN

A recombinant protein corresponding to the full length cytochrome c of human origin.

STORAGE

This antibody is stable for 12 months when stored at 2-8°C.

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