

### **BACKGROUND**

AKT, also called protein kinase B (PKB), is a serine/threonine-specific protein kinase originally identified as the oncogene in the transforming retrovirus, AKT8. It plays an important role in mammalian cellular signaling.<sup>1</sup> In humans, the Akt family has three members: Akt1, Akt2, and Akt3. Akt1 is involved in cellular survival pathways by inhibiting apoptotic processes. Akt1 is also able to induce protein synthesis pathways, and is therefore a key signaling protein in the cellular pathways that lead to skeletal muscle hypertrophy, and general tissue growth. Since it can block apoptosis, and thereby promote cell survival, Akt1 has been implicated as a major factor in many types of cancer.<sup>2</sup> Akt2 is an important signaling molecule in the insulin signaling pathway. It is required to induce glucose transport.3 The role of Akt3 is less clear, though it appears to be predominantly expressed in the brain. It has been reported that mice lacking Akt3 have small brains.4

#### References:

- 1. Chan T et al.: Annu. Rev. Biochem. 68:965-1014, 1999.
- 2. Bussink J et al.: Lancet Oncol. 9:288-296, 2008.
- 3. Ng Y et al.: Cell Metabolism, 7: 348-356, 2008.
- 4. Easton RM et al.: Mol Cell Biol. 25: 1869-1878, 2005

# **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

#### Source:

Akt2 Monoclonal Antibody is a mouse antibody raised against a recombinant human Akt2 protein fragment expressed in *E. coli*.

## **Specificity and Sensitivity:**

This antibody detects endogenous levels of Akt2 proteins in normal cell lysates without cross-reactivity with other family members.

Storage Buffer: 50 mM Tris-Glycine (pH 7.4), 0.15 M NaCl, 40% Glycerol, 0.01% sodium azide and 0.05% BSA.

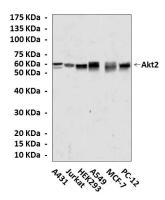
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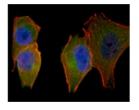
Store at -20°C for at least one year. Store at 4°C for frequent use. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

### **APPLICATIONS**

Application:	*Dilution:
WB	1:1000
IP	1:50
IHC	1:200
ICC	n/d
FACS	n/d
*Optimal dilutions must be determined by end user.	

# **QUALITY CONTROL DATA**





**Top:** Western Blot detection of Akt2 proteins in various cell lysates using Akt2 Antibody. **Bottom:** This antibody stains PANC-1 in immunofluorescent assay. (Akt2 Antibody: green; DRAQ5 DNA dye: blue; and actin filaments: Red)





