

# FABP4 Antibody

100 µl  
 (10 Western mini-blot)

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Applications	Species Cross-Reactivity	Molecular Wt.	Source
W	M	15 kDa	Rabbit

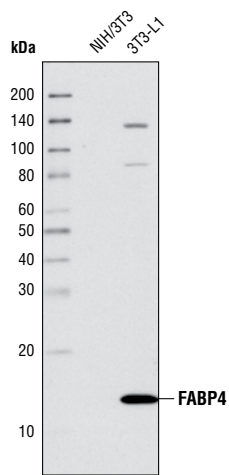
**Background:** Fatty acid binding proteins (FABPs) bind to fatty acids and other lipids and function as cytoplasmic lipid chaperones (1). They participate in the transport of fatty acids and other lipids to various cellular pathways (2). In adipocytes, the predominant form of fatty acid binding proteins is FABP4, which is also called adipocyte fatty acid binding protein (AP2). Fed on high-fat and high-calorie diet, FABP4 knockout mice develop obesity but do not become insulin resistant or diabetic, suggesting that this protein might be a link between obesity and insulin resistance and diabetes (3). FABP4 is also expressed in macrophages (4). Mice deficient in both FABP4 and ApoE show protection against atherosclerosis when compared with the mice deficient only in ApoE (4). Studies identified a genetic variant at the FABP4 locus which results in the reduction of FABP4 expression. The individuals carrying this genetic variant show dramatic decrease in the risk for type 2 diabetes and coronary heart disease (1).

**Specificity/Sensitivity:** FABP4 Antibody detects endogenous levels of total FABP4 protein.

**Source/Purification:** Polyclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing rabbits with a synthetic peptide (KLH-coupled) derived from the sequence of mouse FABP4. Antibodies are purified by peptide affinity chromatography.

**Background References:**

- (1) Tuncman, G. et al. (2006) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 103, 6970–6975.
- (2) Haunerland, N.H. and Spener, F. (2004) *Prog. Lipid Res.* 43, 328–349.
- (3) Hotamisligil, G.S. et al. (1996) *Science* 274, 1377–1379.
- (4) Makowski, L. et al. (2001) *Nat. Med.* 7, 699–705.



Western blot analysis of extracts from NIH/3T3 and 3T3-L1 cells using FABP4 Antibody.

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

**Recommended Antibody Dilutions:**  
 Western blotting 1:1000

- Companion Products:**
- ATGL Antibody #2138
  - ATGL (30A4) Rabbit mAb #2439
  - Fatty Acid Synthase Antibody #3189
  - Phospho-HSL (Ser563) Antibody #4139
  - Phospho-HSL (Ser565) Antibody #4137
  - Phospho-HSL (Ser660) Antibody #4126
  - PPARγ (81B8) Rabbit mAb #2443
  - PPARγ (D69) Antibody #2430
  - SCD1 (M38) Antibody #2438
  - SCD1 (R347) Antibody #2283
  - Glut4 Antibody #2299
  - Synip Antibody #3185
  - Tris Buffered Saline with Tween 20 (TBST - 10X) #9997
  - BSA #9998
  - Nonfat Dry Milk #9999
  - Phototope®-HRP Western Blot Detection System, Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody #7071
  - Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody #7074
  - Prestained Protein Marker, Broad Range (Premixed Format) #7720
  - Biotinylated Protein Ladder Detection Pack #7727
  - 20X LumiGLO® Reagent and 20X Peroxide #7003

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## Western Immunoblotting Protocol (Primary Ab Incubation In BSA)

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### A Solutions and Reagents

**NOTE:** Prepare solutions with Milli-Q or equivalently purified water.

- 1X Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)
- 1X SDS Sample Buffer:** 62.5 mM Tris-HCl (pH 6.8 at 25°C), 2% w/v SDS, 10% glycerol, 50 mM DTT, 0.01% w/v bromophenol blue or phenol red
- Transfer Buffer:** 25 mM Tris base, 0.2 M glycine, 20% methanol (pH 8.5)
- 10X Tris Buffered Saline (TBS):** To prepare 1 liter of 10X TBS: 24.2 g Tris base, 80 g NaCl; adjust pH to 7.6 with HCl (use at 1X).
- Nonfat Dry Milk (weight to volume [w/v])
- Blocking Buffer:** 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 with 5% w/v nonfat dry milk; for 150 ml, add 15 ml 10X TBS to 135 ml water, mix. Add 7.5 g nonfat dry milk and mix well. While stirring, add 0.15 ml Tween-20 (100%).
- Wash Buffer:** 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 (TBS/T)
- Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)
- Primary Antibody Dilution Buffer:** 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 with 5% BSA; for 20 ml, add 2 ml 10X TBS to 18 ml water, mix. Add 1.0 g BSA and mix well. While stirring, add 20 µl Tween-20 (100%).
- Phototope<sup>®</sup>-HRP Western Blot Detection System #7071:** Includes biotinylated protein ladder, secondary anti-rabbit (#7074) antibody conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (HRP), anti-biotin antibody conjugated to HRP, LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> chemiluminescent reagent and peroxide.
- Prestained Protein Marker, Broad Range (Premixed Format) #7720
- Biotinylated Protein Ladder Detection Pack #7727
- Blotting Membrane:** This protocol has been optimized for nitrocellulose membranes, which CST recommends. PVDF membranes may also be used.

### B Protein Blotting

A general protocol for sample preparation is described below.

- Treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
- Aspirate media from cultures; wash cells with 1X PBS; aspirate.
- Lyse cells by adding 1X SDS sample buffer (100 µl per well of 6-well plate or 500 µl per plate of 10 cm diameter plate). Immediately scrape the cells off the plate and transfer the extract to a microcentrifuge tube. Keep on ice.
- Sonicate for 10–15 seconds to shear DNA and reduce sample viscosity.
- Heat a 20 µl sample to 95–100°C for 5 minutes; cool on ice.
- Microcentrifuge for 5 minutes.
- Load 20 µl onto SDS-PAGE gel (10 cm x 10 cm).

**NOTE:** CST recommends loading prestained molecular weight markers (#7720, 10 µl/lane) to verify electrotransfer and biotinylated protein ladder (#7727, 10 µl/lane) to determine molecular weights.

- Electrotransfer to nitrocellulose or PVDF membrane.

### C Membrane Blocking and Antibody Incubations

**NOTE:** Volumes are for 10 cm x 10 cm (100 cm<sup>2</sup>) of membrane; for different sized membranes, adjust volumes accordingly.

- (Optional) After transfer, wash nitrocellulose membrane with 25 ml TBS for 5 minutes at room temperature.
- Incubate membrane in 25 ml of blocking buffer for 1 hour at room temperature.
- Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.
- Incubate membrane and primary antibody (at the appropriate dilution) in 10 ml primary antibody dilution buffer with gentle agitation overnight at 4°C.
- Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.
- Incubate membrane with HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (1:2000) and HRP-conjugated anti-biotin antibody (1:1000) to detect biotinylated protein markers in 10 ml of blocking buffer with gentle agitation for 1 hour at room temperature.
- Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.

### D Detection of Proteins

- Incubate membrane with 10 ml LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> (0.5 ml 20X LumiGLO<sup>®</sup>, 0.5 ml 20X Peroxide and 9.0 ml Milli-Q water) with gentle agitation for 1 minute at room temperature.

**NOTE:** LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> substrate can be further diluted if signal response is too fast.

- Drain membrane of excess developing solution (do not let dry), wrap in plastic wrap and expose to x-ray film. An initial 10-second exposure should indicate the proper exposure time.

**NOTE:** Due to the kinetics of the detection reaction, signal is most intense immediately following LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> incubation and declines over the following 2 hours.