# **Oct-4 Antibody**



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Applications: WB, IHC-P, IF-IC, FC- FP, ChIP	Reactivity: H	Sensitivity: Endogenous	<b>MW (kDa):</b> 45	<b>Source:</b> Rabbit	UniProt ID: #Q01860	Entrez-Gene Id: 5460

#### **Product Usage** Information

For optimal ChIP results, use 20 µl of antibody and 10 µg of chromatin (approximately 4 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells) per IP. This antibody has been validated using SimpleChIP® Enzymatic Chromatin IP Kits.

Application	Dilution
Western Blotting	1:1000
Immunohistochemistry (Paraffin)	1:800
Immunofluorescence (Immunocytochemistry)	1:200
Flow Cytometry (Fixed/Permeabilized)	1:400
Chromatin IP	1:25

**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.

Specificity / Sensitivity

Oct-4 Antibody detects endogenous levels of total Oct-4 protein.

Species predicted to react based on 100% sequence homology: Monkey

### Source / Purification

Polyclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing animals with a synthetic peptide corresponding to amino acids near the carboxy terminus of human Oct-4. Antibodies are purified by peptide affinity chromatography.

#### **Background**

Oct-4 (POU5F1) is a transcription factor highly expressed in undifferentiated embryonic stem cells and embryonic germ cells (1). A network of key factors that includes Oct-4, Nanog, and Sox2 is necessary for the maintenance of pluripotent potential, and downregulation of Oct-4 has been shown to trigger cell differentiation (2,3). Research studies have demonstrated that Oct-4 is a useful germ cell tumor marker (4). Oct-4 exists as two splice variants, Oct-4A and Oct-4B (5). Recent studies have suggested that the Oct-4A isoform has the ability to confer and sustain pluripotency, while Oct-4B may exist in some somatic, nonpluripotent cells (6,7).

#### **Background References**

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#### **Species Reactivity**

Species reactivity is determined by testing in at least one approved application (e.g., western blot).

#### **Western Blot Buffer**

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

## **Applications Key**

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WB: Western Blotting IHC-P: Immunohistochemistry (Paraffin)

IF-IC: Immunofluorescence (Immunocytochemistry) FC-FP: Flow Cytometry (Fixed/Permeabilized)

ChIP: Chromatin IP

**Cross-Reactivity Key** 

 $\textbf{H:} \ \text{human} \ \textbf{M:} \ \text{mouse} \ \textbf{R:} \ \text{rat} \ \textbf{Hm:} \ \text{hamster} \ \textbf{Mk:} \ \text{monkey} \ \textbf{Vir:} \ \text{virus} \ \textbf{Mi:} \ \text{mink} \ \textbf{C:} \ \text{chicken} \ \textbf{Dm:} \ \textbf{D.} \ \text{melanogaster}$ 

X: Xenopus Z: zebrafish B: bovine Dg: dog Pg: pig Sc: S. cerevisiae Ce: C. elegans Hr: horse

GP: Guinea Pig Rab: rabbit All: all species expected

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