

**Alexa488-labeled Antibody to Dopamine Transporter (DAT-ECD)
RAT MONOCLONAL**

Catalog Number: FL-N17
Quantity: 100 micrograms
Format: 50% PBS (0.14 M Sodium Chloride; 0.003 M Potassium Chloride; 0.002 M Potassium Phosphate; 0.01 M Sodium Phosphate; pH 7.4), 50% glycerol; no preservative.
Host: Rat
Clone: hDAT-LOOP
Immunogen: GST-DAT-loop fusion protein (the second extracellular loop, consisting of amino acids 180-218)

Background:

The dopamine transporter is a sodium-dependent reuptake carrier that is suspected to play a role in such neurologic and psychiatric disorders as Parkinson's disease, Tourette's disease, schizophrenia, and addiction. It is a 12-transmembrane domain transporter with the N- and C- terminus regions located within the cytoplasm. This antibody to the dopamine transporter was originally designated DAT/e2 and is now termed anti-DAT-ECD, emphasizing that it recognizes an extracellular domain.

Specificity and Preparation:

This antibody recognizes the second extracellular loop of the dopamine transporter (DAT-ECD) in rat and human. It was produced in rat by immunization with a GST-DAT-loop fusion protein, then construction of a hybridoma with the murine nonsecreting myeloma cell line Sp2/0. The second extracellular loop, consisting of amino acids 180-218, was used to construct the fusion protein. It has been conjugated to the fluorescent dye Alexa488.

Usage and Storage:

Applications include immunocytochemistry (0.025-10 $\mu\text{g/ml}^1$; 1-1.5 $\mu\text{g/ml}$, rat³), immunohistochemistry (1:500, human)², and immunoblotting (1:500¹; ammonium sulfate precipitated culture supernatant 1:500, rat³). Gently spin down material before use; 5-10 seconds in a microfuge should be adequate. The material can be handled safely using normal laboratory precautions. See Lot Number for lot-specific storage instructions.

References:

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