

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

Catalog Number: FL-N18
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-NT
Immunogen: GST-DAT-NT fusion protein (the N-terminus, consisting of amino acids 1-66)

Background:

The dopamine transporter (DAT) 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.

Specificity and Preparation:

This antibody recognizes the N-terminus of the dopamine transporter (DAT-NT) in rat and human. It was produced in rat by immunization with a GST-DAT-NT fusion protein, then construction of a hybridoma with the murine nonsecreting myeloma cell line Sp2/0. The N-terminus, consisting of amino acids 1-66, was used to construct the fusion protein. It has been conjugated to the fluorescent dye Alexa488.

Usage and Storage:

Applications include immunocytochemistry (culture supernatant 1:100, rat)^{2,3}, immunohistochemistry (1:500, human)¹, and immunoblotting (ammonium sulfate precipitated culture supernatant 1:500, rat)³. 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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