SYSY Antibodies

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Collagen type IV

Cat.No. 462 017; Monoclonal rat antibody, 100 µg purified IgG (lyophilized)

Data Sheet

Reconstitution/ Storage	100 µg purified IgG, lyophilized. Albumin and azide were added for stabilization. For **reconstitution** add 100 µl H_2O to get a 1mg/ml solution in PBS. Then aliquot and store at -20°C to -80°C until use. Antibodies should be stored at +4°C when still lyophilized. Do not freeze! For detailed information, see back of the data sheet.
Applications	**WB**: not recommended **IP**: not recommended **ICC**: not tested yet **IHC**: 1 : 500 up to 1 : 1000 (see remarks) **IHC-P (FFPE)**: 1 : 500 up to 1 : 1000 (see remarks) **IHC-Fr**: 1 : 500 up to 1 : 1000 (see remarks)
Clone	SY-245D2
Subtype	IgG2a (κ light chain)
Immunogen	Human heterotrimeric Collagen type IV containing two α 1-like (UniProt Id: P02462) and one α 2-like (UniProt Id: P08572) chains.
Reactivity	Reacts with: mouse (P02463), mouse (P08122), human (P02462), human (P08572). No signal: rat (F1MA59), rat (F1M6Q3). Other species not tested yet.
Remarks	**IHC**: One of the following antigen retrievals is required: citrate buffer pH 6, pepsin. **IHC-P (FFPE)**: Antigen retrieval with citrate buffer pH 6, followed by pepsin treatment, is required for chromogenic detection. For chromogenic detection, an optimized AGR time of 30 minutes is recommended for best results. **IHC-Fr**: The following fixatives are possible: 4% formaldehyde/PFA, methanol, acetone, methanol-acetone.

TO BE USED IN VITRO / FOR RESEARCH ONLY
NOT TOXIC, NOT HAZARDOUS, NOT INFECTIOUS, NOT CONTAGIOUS

Background

Collagen type IV is the most abundant structural component of the basement membrane, a specialized extracellular matrix, that supports epithelial and endothelial cells and separates tissues from their surrounding environments. Collagen type IV consists of polypeptide chains derived from six different alpha chains that assemble into three different collagen type IV isoforms. Unlike fibrillar collagens, collagen IV forms flexible, sheet-like networks that provide structural stability and interact with other basement membrane components, including laminins, nidogens, and proteoglycans (1,2).
The principal functions of collagen IV are to provide mechanical support, maintain basement membrane integrity, regulate cell adhesion, and contribute to tissue organization and cellular signaling. Through its interactions with cell-surface receptors and other extracellular matrix proteins, collagen IV also influences cellular behavior and tissue homeostasis (1).
Dysregulation of collagen IV is associated with several important diseases. Pathogenic variants can cause e.g. diabetic nephropathy, Alport syndrome, and cerebral small-vessel disease as well as increasing the risk of intracerebral hemorrhage and other neurological manifestations (2,3).

Selected General References

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Collagen IV in Gould syndrome and Alport syndrome.
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Cosgrove D et al. Matrix Biol (2017) PubMed:27576055

Access the online factsheet including applicable protocols at https://sysy.com/product/462017 or scan the QR-code.

FAQ - How should I store my antibody?

Shipping Conditions

- All SYSY antibodies and control proteins/peptides are shipped lyophilized (vacuum freeze-dried). In this form, they remain stable without loss of quality at ambient temperatures for several weeks.

Storage of Sealed Vials after Delivery

- **Unlabeled** and **biotin-labeled antibodies** and **control proteins** should be stored at **4°C** before reconstitution. **Do not freeze lyophilized antibodies**. Temperatures below 0°C may impair performance.
- **Fluorescence-labeled antibodies** should be reconstituted immediately upon receipt. Long-term storage of lyophilized fluorophore-conjugates may cause aggregation.
- **Control peptides** should be stored at -20°C before reconstitution.

Long Term Storage after Reconstitution (General Considerations)

- **Do not use frost-free ("no-frost") freezers.** These units periodically warm to remove ice buildup, causing freeze–thaw cycles that can damage antibodies.
- Store vials in areas with minimal temperature fluctuation - preferably toward the back of the freezer, not on the door.
- Aliquot reconstituted antibodies and store at –20°C to –80°C.
- Avoid very small aliquots (<20 µL), as evaporation and adsorption to tube surfaces can reduce antibody concentration and activity.
- Use the smallest practical storage vial to minimize surface area.
- Adding glycerol to a final concentration of 50% prevents freezing at -20°C, allowing storage in liquid form and effectively avoiding freeze–thaw cycles.

Product Specific Hints for Storage

Control proteins / peptides

- Store at -20°C to -80°C

Monoclonal Antibodies

- **Ascites and hybridoma supernatant:** Store at -20°C to -80°C
  Prolonged storage at 4°C is not recommended, as proteases present in ascites may degrade antibodies.
- **Purified IgG:** Store at -20°C to -80°C
  Adding a carrier protein (e.g., BSA) enhances long-term stability.
  Many SYSY antibodies already contain carrier proteins - refer to the respective datasheet for details.

Polyclonal Antibodies

- **Crude antisera:** Can be stored at 4°C with antimicrobials added, but -20°C to -80°C is preferred
- **Affinity-purified antibodies:** Less stable than antisera; store at -20°C to -80°C
  Adding a carrier protein such as BSA improves long-term stability.
  Most SYSY antibodies already contain carrier proteins - refer to the respective datasheet for details.

Fluorescence-labeled Antibodies

- Store as a liquid with 1:1 (v/v) glycerol at -20°C, and protect from light exposure

Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles for all antibodies!

FAQ - How should I reconstitute my antibody?

Reconstitution

- All purified SYSY antibodies are lyophilized from PBS. To reconstitute the antibody in PBS, add the volume of deionized water specified in the corresponding datasheet. If a larger final volume is desired, first add the recommended amount of water, then adjust with PBS and, if needed, add a stabilizing carrier protein (e.g., BSA) to a final concentration of 2%. Some SYSY antibodies already contain albumin; please take this into account before adding additional carrier protein.

For complete reconstitution, carefully remove the vial cap. After adding water, briefly vortex the solution. To collect the liquid at the bottom of the vial, place the vial inside a 50 ml centrifuge tube padded with paper and centrifuge briefly.

- If desired, small amounts of azide or thimerosal may be added to prevent microbial growth. This is particularly recommended when storing an aliquot at 4°C.
- After reconstitution of fluorescence-labeled antibodies, add glycerol 1:1 (v/v) to achieve a final concentration of 50%. This prevents freezing at –20°C and keeps the antibody in liquid form, effectively avoiding freeze–thaw cycles.
- Glycerol may also be added to unlabeled primary antibodies as a general measure to prevent freeze–thaw damage.
- For further guidance, please refer to our **storage tips** and recommendations for reconstituted antibodies, control peptides, and control proteins.