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## **Summary**

Boster Bio's ERK1/2 antibody (M00104-1) is a highly specific and sensitive tool optimized for immunohistochemistry (IHC) and immunofluorescence (IF). This antibody is validated across multiple normal and cancerous tissues and demonstrates consistent staining patterns verified by orthogonal RNA-seq data and comparison with other established antibodies.

This antibody is part of Boster Bio's PicoLumine<sup>™</sup> Series, featuring hundreds of protein biomarkers optimized for immunohistochemistry, immunocytochemistry, and immunofluorescence. All antibodies in this product line have gone through the same level of validation as shown in this report. This product line is guaranteed under Boster Bio's **PicoLumine Guarantee**, that the antibody will work under the recommended condition on the indicated tissues and cell lines, or your money back.

## Highlights

- Specificity and Sensitivity: High reproducibility and signal-to-noise ratio.
- Optimized Protocols: Reliable protocols for both IHC and IF.
- PicoLumine Guarantee: Guaranteed performance or your money back.

## **Antibody evaluation**

In this report on ERK1/2 (M00104-1) antibody, studies have shown that many drugs can treat ischemic diseases by regulating the ERK signaling pathway to promote angiogenesis, and the regulation of the ERK signaling pathway in ischemic diseases has broad prospects. The experiment used a large number of samples, immunohistochemistry and immunofluorescence experiments have strong positive level in normal and tumor samples, and the antibody evaluation is 5 stars (out of five stars).

## **Antibody information**

Antibody Name: Anti-ERK1/2 Antibody Picoband™

Host Species: Rabbit Isotype: IgG (Monoclonal) Catalog Number: M00104-1 Supplier: <u>Boster Bio</u>

#### Validation Findings Summary:

The ERK1/2 antibody demonstrated high specificity, sensitivity, and reproducibility in immunofluorescence assays. The optimized conditions provide reliable detection of ERK1/2 in pathologically relevant cell lines and tissues. Researchers can confidently use this antibody for ERK1/2 immunofluorescence studies, contributing to accurate and meaningful experimental outcomes.

## **ERK1/2 Introduction**

#### Introduction and origin

MAP kinases (MAPKs, mitogen-activated protein kinases) are also known as extracellular regulatory protein kinases (ERKs). It is composed of a family of protein kinases. The MAP kinase isoform is widely expressed in the central nervous system, thymus, spleen, heart, lung, and kidney, as well as in PC12 cells and fibroblasts. ERK1 and ERK2 have highly identical amino acid sequences (85%), and their tyrosine and threonine residues can be activated by MEK phosphorylation. Activated ERK can regulate a range of cellular activities, including cell reproduction and survival.

#### Function and effect

The mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) superfamily of enzymes is involved in a wide range of signaling pathways. This family includes the ERK1/2 (extracellular signal-regulated protein kinase, also known as p42/p44 MAPK), JNK, and p38 MAPK subfamilies. These enzymes are the terminal enzymes in the signaling cascade, and each kinase phosphorylates and activates the next enzyme in the sequence. Phosphorylation of tyrosine and threonine is essential for the complete activation of all MAPKs. Several kinases are involved in the activation of the ERK cascade. This cascade is triggered by the small G protein Ras, which activates the Raf1 kinase when stimulated. Raf1 continues to pass by activating the MEK. Activated MEK may be the only kinase capable of specifically phosphorylating and activating ERK. ERK is an important regulatory molecule that phosphorylates regulatory targets in the cytosol (phospholipase A2, PLA2) and also phosphorylates substrates transferred to the nucleus (ELK1). Activation of the ERK cascade mediumtes and regulates signal transduction pathways, responds to stress, and responds to mitotic signals, which are important in development and differentiation, learning, memory, and survival. MAPKs play a vital role in a variety of signal transduction pathways, directing signals from growth factors and G protein-coupled receptors to intracellular targets. MAP kinases regulate a number of cellular processes, including proliferation, differentiation, cell morphology, and tumor formation.

#### **Clinical significance**

ERK and tumor cell growth and proliferationThe growth and growth of tumor cells mediumted by abnormal activation of ERK is a complex process, which involves a large number of ERK downstream matrices, and the downstream matrices that depend on ERK activation can phosphorylate, activate, and transcribe various enzymes and proteins that are conducive to tumor growth and proliferation.

Taking vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) as an example, the growth of all cells, including tumor cells, needs to obtain the required nutrients through blood vessels, and the size of tumor tissue is difficult to grow more than 2mm3 without the synchronous growth of blood vessels, while the abnormally activated ERK/MAPK pathway can continuously transcribe VEGF, so that the high level of VEGF on tumor cells can promote the production of blood vessels and thus promote the growth of tumors.

Studies have shown that many drugs treat ischemic disease by modulating the ERK signaling pathway to promote angiogenesis. The regulation of ERK signaling pathway in ischemic diseases has broad prospects, and the development of drugs that specifically act on ERK pathways may be a key target to promote angiogenesis in the treatment of ischemic diseases.

## **Expected Staining Patterns**

#### Cellular Localization:

ERK1/2 is localized to the nucleoplasm (supported), cytosol (supported).

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#### Tissues with high expression of ERK1/2:

ERK1/2 is known to have cytoplasmic and nuclear expression in most tissues.

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#### Cell lines with high expression of ERK1/2:

According to data from ProteinAtlas.com, ERK1/2 is known to be detected in many cell lines.

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## **Antibody validation experiment design**

## **Selection of validation tissues and cell lines**

The tissues and cell lines for positive and negative controls in the following experiments are primarily based on suggestions from ProteinAtlas.com.

#### **Positive tissues for IHC:**

 Human tonsil(used for optimization with 3 concentrations of primary antibody)

#### **Positive tissues for IF:**

 Human tonsil(used for optimization with 3 concentrations of primary antibody)

#### **Positive tissues for IHC (experimental verification):**

- 1. Mouse pancreas ,rat kidney,rat liver
- Human breast cancer,human liver cancer.human lung liver,human colon cancer,human prostate cancer,human pancreatic cancer

#### **Positive tissues for IF (experimental verification):**

- 1. Mouse pancreas;rat brain, rat kidney,rat colon,mouse brain,mouse liver
- 2. Human colon cancer,human liver cancer,human pancreastic cancer,human breast cancer,human prostatic cancer,human lung cancer

\*optimization method: we have tested 3 concentrations of the primary antibody on the selected tissue(s) to assess the best experiment conditions for immunohistochemistry and immunofluorescence. The conditions that produced the best signal with a low background were selected as the recommended experiment conditions.

## **Reagents used in the experiment**

- 1. Anti-ERK1/2 Antibody (M00104-1), Concentrations tested: 1µg/mL, 2.5µg/mL, 25µg/mL.
- 2. EDTA Buffer (pH 8.0, Epitope Retrieval Solution): Used for heat-mediumted antigen retrieval.
- 3. Inactivation: 3% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for 10 min.
- 4. Blocking Solution:normal goat serum
- Secondary Antibody (IF): DyLight 594 Conjugated AffiniPure Goat Anti-rabbit IgG (H+L) (BA1142), dilution: 1:100, Incubated for 30 minutes at 37°C.
- Secondary Antibody (IHC-P): HRP-AffiniPure Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG, dilution: 1:500, Incubated for 30 minutes at 37°C.
- 7. Staining (IHC-P): Add a suitable amount of DAB reagent to the samples, Observe under the microscope, and control the color development time.
- 8. Counterstain: DAPI (IF, AR1176); hematoxylin (IHC-P).
- 9. Mounting Medium: anti-fade mounting medium.

## **Experiment protocols**

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## Immunohistochemistry:

Protocol reference

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## **IHC Optimization**

Human tonsil cancer tissue embedded in FFPE is used to optimize the concentration and incubation time for the antibody. 3 concentrations of rabbit anti-ERK1/2 Antibody (M00104-1) were used to incubate. 1µg/mL, 5µg/mL, 25µg/mL overnight at 4°C. The results are as follows:



Antigen Retrieval: Heat Primary ab: 25µg/mL Incubation: 4°C overnight Imaging: Brightfield



Antigen Retrieval: Heat Primary ab: 5µg/mL Incubation: 4°C overnight Imaging: Brightfield



Antigen Retrieval: Heat Primary ab: 1µg/mL Incubation: 4°C overnight Imaging: Brightfield

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An in-house certified pathologist reviewed the result images and recommended the medium condition (5µg/mL) be used for immunofluorescence. This condition is used to perform immunohistochemistry on other relevant normal and cancerous tissues to ensure the antibody produces expected staining patterns.



Mouse pancreas Expected: high level Observed: high level

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#### IHC Additional validations: Normal tissues



Rat kidney Expected: medium level Observed: high level

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Rat liver Expected: low level Observed: low level

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#### **Cancerous tissues**



Human breast cancer Expected: high level Observed: high level

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Human colon cancer Expected: high level Observed: high level

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Human liver cancer Expected: high level Observed: high level

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Human prostatic cancer Expected: high level Observed: medium level

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Human lung cancer Expected: high level Observed: high level

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Human pancreastic cancer Expected: high level Observed: medium level

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Tissue staining expectation reference

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## **IHC** scoring

#### 5/5, Supported–Orthogonal, based on the following criteria:

- 1. IHC stains in the selected tissues are consistent with RNA level data.
- 2. IHC staining patterns in selected tissues match the expected staining patterns of this biomarker as shown in similar well-established antibodies.
- 3. IHC staining subcellular localization is consistent with the literature.

## **IF Optimization**

The human tonsil is used to optimize the concentration and incubation time for the antibody. 3 concentrations of rabbit anti-ERK1/2 Antibody (M00104-1) were used to incubate. 1µg/mL, 5µg/mL, 25µg/mL overnight at 4°C. The results are as follows:



Human tonsil Primary ab: 25µg/mL Incubation: 4°C overnight Secondary: BA1142 Imaging: Fluorescent Microscopy

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Human tonsil Primary ab: 5µg/mL Incubation: 4°C overnight Secondary: BA1142 Imaging: Fluorescent Microscopy

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Human tonsil Primary ab: 1µg/mL Incubation: 4°C overnight Secondary: BA1142 Imaging: Fluorescent Microscopy

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An in house certified pathologist reviewed the result images recommended the medium condition (25µg/mL) be used for immunofluorescence. This condition is used to perform immunohistochemistry on other relevant normal and cancerous tissues to ensure the antibody produces expected staining patterns.



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#### Mouse brain

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Mouse liver Expected: low level Observed: low level

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Human colon cancer Expected: high level Observed: high level

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Human breast cancer Expected: high level Observed: high level



Human liver cancer Expected: high level Observed: high level

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Human prostatic cancer Expected: high level Observed: high level



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Human lung cancer Expected: high level Observed: medium level

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## **ICC/IF** scoring

5/5, Supported–Orthogonal, based on the following criteria:

- 1. IF stains in the selected tissue line are consistent with RNA level data.
- 2. IF staining subcellular localization is consistent with literature and other established antibodies for this biomarker.

## **Company Profile**



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