

# alpha-MSH (Melanocyte-stimulating hormone)

**Data Sheet** 

Catalog Number: RA20074 Host: Rabbit

Product Type: Whole Serum Species Rat, Mouse, Guinea Pig

Reactivity:

Immunogen Sequence: Synthetic (human) a-MSH coupled to Format: Lyophilized. 100 ul with

bovine thyroglobulin with glutaraldehyde. <0.09% sodium azide as a

preservative.

Applications: Immunohistochemistry: 1:100-1:200 (indirect immunofluorescence)

1:4,000-1:6,000 (in PBS/0.3% Triton X-100 using Bn/Av-HRP

echnique)

It is recommended that the researcher perform a primary antibody dilution series using our dilution recommendations as a guideline. Note that a change in the fixation or buffering system as used in our protocol may change the configuration of the protein, and therefore, may alter

the reactivity with the tissue tested.

**Reconstitution:** Do not reconstitute until ready to use since the product is most stable when lyophilized. The

product does not need to be kept cooled during shipping. For long-term storage, store lyophilized antibody until ready to use at -15 $^{\circ}$  C or lower. Reconstitute with 100  $\mu$ L of distilled or deionized water. If desired, dilute with PBS or Tris buffer at a dilution no higher than 1/10

Storage: After reconstitution, use immediately or refrigerate at 2º-8º C up to 2 days. For long-term

storage, appropriately aliquot antibody to avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles and freeze at

-15° C or lower

## **Application Notes**

#### Tissue Preparation:

10 μm cryostat or 50 μm vibratome.

- Fixation: 4% paraformaldehyde in 0.1M Phosphate buffer, pH 7.4; 500 mL over ~ 20 min.
- Post Fixation: 1.5 hour at 4° C in 4% paraformaldehyde in 0.1M phosphate buffer, pH 7.4.
- Note: If needed, low levels of glutaraldehyde (0.1-0.3%) may be used in conjugation with paraformaldehyde

### Immunohistochemistry

The Melanocyte Stimulating Hormone antiserum was quality control tested using standard immunohistochemical methods. The antiserum demonstrates significant labeling of rat pituitary using indirect immunofluorescent and biotin/avidin-HRP techniques. Staining is completely eliminated by pretreatment of the diluted antibody with 100 ug/mL of α-MSH.

Image: α-MSH staining of rat pituitary gland tissue.



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