

anti-Col1- $\frac{3}{4}$ C (collagen type I cleavage site) affinity purified rabbit antibody

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Background Information

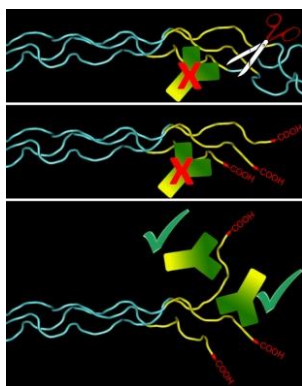
The proteolysis of collagens plays an important role in numerous physiological and pathological situations such as morphogenesis, wound healing, arthritis, arteriosclerosis, and tumor metastasis. Triple helical type I collagens are made up of two α 1 (I) and one α 2 (I) chains, and are found in skin, tendon, ligament and interstitial tissues. Due to their fibrillary structure native collagens are resistant to most proteases. They are substrates, however, for certain matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs), which constitute a family of zinc-dependent enzymes catalyzing the degradation of extracellular matrix components [40,42]. Initial MMP-8 dependent cleavage of collagen into the characteristic $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ fragments has been shown to enable MMP-9 diffusion along the protein helix, with preferential binding to the collagen $\frac{3}{4}$ fragment tail. Finally, untwisting of the helix end results in the local denaturation of the triple helical structure [41].

Antibody preparation and Storage

25 μ g of antibody (250 μ g/ml in PBS with 1 mg/ml BSA and 0.02% [w/v] NaN₃), affinity purified on a synthetic epitope peptide. For repeated use, store at 4°C (short term). Stable for one year from date of shipment when stored at -20°C.

Antigen

Synthetic peptide (human sequence) corresponding to the carboxy-terminal end of the N-terminal three quarter collagen fragment (Col1 $\frac{3}{4}$), which results from MT1-MMP, MMP-1, MMP-2, or MMP-8 dependent cleavage of the α 1 (I) and α 2 (I) chains at the Gly⁷⁷⁵-Ile⁷⁷⁶ bond and Gly⁷⁷⁵-Leu⁷⁷⁶ bond, respectively [40,42].



Model depicting antibody detection of Col1 $\frac{3}{4}$ C.

MMPs cleaving the α chains, create free COOH groups at the C-terminal end of the $\frac{3}{4}$ fragment, which gets untwisted and exposes the antibody epitope. The carboxyl group proper is not part of this epitope.

Species cross-reactivity

Tested: rat, bovine

By inference (sequence identity): human, mouse (α 1), Chinese hamster (α 1), guinea pig, dog, cat, donkey, sheep, pig (α 2), and chicken

Specificity

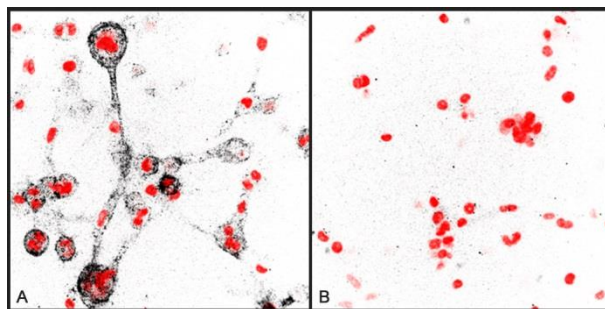
The antibody detects collagen α (I) chains after remodeling, e.g. as initiated by matrix metalloprotease dependent cleavage. The antibody epitope is masked in native collagen.

Applications

Immunofluorescence of formaldehyde fixed samples: 0.5-2 μ g/ml. Cell tracks in 3D collagen matrices are best visualized in spheroids (hanging droplet) made from rat tail tendon type I collagen (acid-extracted).

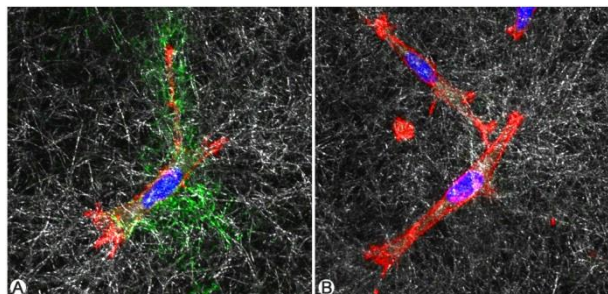
Western Blotting*: See references [12,28].

* Not tested in-house, but reported in the literature.



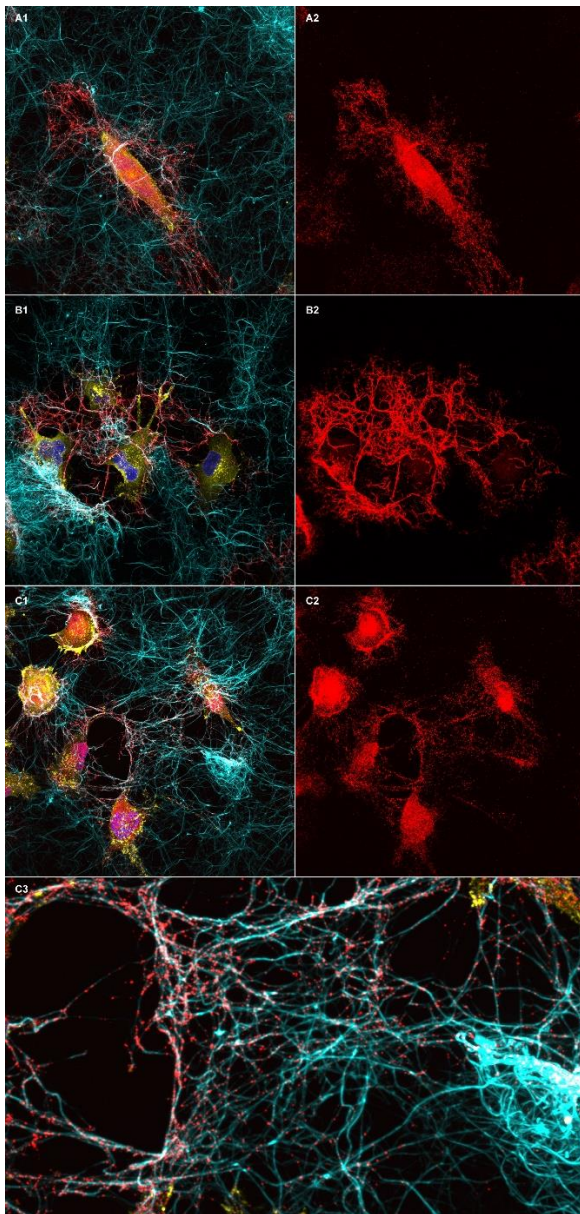
Collagen degradation by human MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cells embedded in a 3D type I collagen matrix (2.5 mg/ml). Cells have been treated with non-targeting siRNA (A) or siRNA specific for MT1-MMP (B; knock down control) for 48 hours and then transferred into collagen for 24 hours. After fixation (4% PFA at 37°C for 30 min) samples were labelled with **collagen type I cleavage site antibody** diluted 1:100 in PBS (2.5 μ g/ml, 2 h at 4°C; lot #1574-5.1). Confocal photomicrograph: Anti-rabbit antibody (black in the inverted image), nuclei were stained with DAPI (red). For details see Monteiro et al., 2013 [39].

(Data courtesy of Alessia Castagnino & Dr. Philippe Chavrier, Institute Curie, Paris)



Collagen degradation by human HT1080 fibrosarcoma cells migrating overnight at 37°C in a 3D type I bovine collagen matrix (1.7 mg/ml) in the presence (B, control) or absence (A) of 5 μ M matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor GM6001 (both in medium and in the collagen matrix). After fixation (4% PFA) samples were labelled with **collagen type I cleavage site antibody** diluted 1:25 (10 μ g/ml, 2 h at 4°C; lot #1574-5.1). Confocal photomicrograph: Alexa 647 goat-anti-rabbit antibody (cleaved collagen, green), DAPI stain (nuclei, blue), phalloidin 568 (F-actin, red), internal reflection (collagen, white/grey). (Data courtesy of Mariska Kea-te Lindert, Dr. Katarina Wolf & Dr. Peter Friedl, Radboud University Medical Centre, Nijmegen).

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Collagen degradation by human MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cells incubated for 4 hours in normal culture medium (A1/A2, C1/C2/C3) or grown in starvation medium (no amino acids, no serum; B1/B2) on top of a fluorescently labelled fibrillar type I collagen layer. Cells were fixed for 15 min at 37°C with 4% PFA in PBS. For cortactin staining, cells were permeabilized 90 s at 37°C with 4% PFA, 0.1 Triton TX100 in PBS. Cell starvation strongly stimulates collagen degradation by breast cancer cells [16]. Collagen fibers are shown in cyan, **collagen type I cleavage site antibody** (lot #2865) in red, cortactin in yellow, and nuclei in blue. Antibody dilution 1:200 (1.25 µg/ml) in **A1/A2** and **B1/B2**, and 1:400 (0.63 µg/ml) in **C1/C2/C3**. A detail of C1 is shown in C3.
(Data courtesy of Sandra Antoine & Dr. Philippe Chavrier, Institute Curie, Paris)

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