



## anti- HCV NS4a protein antibody, mouse monoclonal (S4-13), FITC conjugated

65-059 50 μg

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is a small (55-65 nm in size), enveloped, positive sense single-stranded RNA virus in the family *Flaviviridae* and the principal cause of parenteral non-A, non-B hepatitis. The virus genome consists of a single open reading frame of approximately 9,400 bases which encodes a single polyprotein of about 3,010 amino acids (1, 2, 3). The polyprotein is processed by host cell and viral proteases into four structural proteins (core, envelope1 and 2, and p7) and six non-structural proteins (NS2, 3, 4a, 4b, 5a, and 5b) necessary for viral replication. NS3 serine proteinase is responsible for proteolytic processing of other non-structural proteins. NS4a protein (54 amino acids) forms a comlex with NS3 and functions as a cofactor for NS3 protease activity.

This product is an FITC-labeled IgG ([FITC]/[IgG] = 10.4) produced from the IgG fraction.

## **Applications**

1. Western blotting 2. Immunofluorescence staining 3. ELISA 4. FACS

Immunogen: A region of NS4 protein (the nucleotide sequence is shown in ref.4) of **HCV genotype 1b** expressed in *E.coli*. The epitope of this antibody was mapped to the N-terminal region of the NS4 protein (NS4a).

Congugate: FITC conjugated, [FITC] / [IgG] = 10.4

Isotype: Mouse IgG2b kappa

Form: 1.4 mg/ml in PBS, 50% glycerol, filter-sterilized

Specificity: Specific to human HCV NS4a protein.

Storage: Shipped at 4 and stored at -20

Data Link: Swiss-Prot HCV protein

## References: This antibody is produced and used in ref.4.

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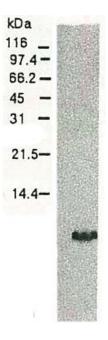


Fig.1 Western blotting of HCV NS4a protein. Chimp liver cells were infected with recombinant vaccinia virus containing a HCV genome cDNA and were subjected to Western blotting using anti-NS4a antibody. The protein detected with this antibody is 6 kD. This small NS4 protein (NS4a) was produced from the N-terminal region of the NS4 protein.



fluorescence antibody staining.
Chimp liver cells were infected with recombinant vaccinia virus containing a HCV genome cDNA.
After incubation for 48 hr, the cells were fixed with acetone and HCV NS4a protein was detected by indirect immunofluorescence staining using this antibody.

Fig.2 Detection of HCV NS4a protein by immuno-