## **invitrogen**™ AF-6 ABfinity<sup>™</sup> **Recombinant Rabbit** Monoclonal Antibody - Purified

# REF Catalog no. 700193

(See product label for lot information)

Clone/PAD:
Isotype:
Gene ID:
Protein Acc. no.:
Qty:
Volume:
Concentration:

A7L9H48 lqG 17356 Q9QZQ1 100 µg 200 µl 0.5 mg/ml

Formulation PBS + 0.09% azide

#### Immunogen

A peptide corresponding to amino acids 1805-1820 of Q9QZQ1.

### Immunogen sequence

**KASRKLTELENELTNK** 

#### Reactivity

This antibody reacts with mouse AF-6. Based on sequence identity and similarity, reactivity to rat, human, chimpanzee, rhesus monkey, canine, bovine, and chicken is expected.

#### Storage

2-8°C for up to 1 mo, -20°C for long term Avoid repeated freezing and storage. thawing.

# $\boldsymbol{\dot{i}}$ Expiration Date

Expires one year from date of receipt when stored as instructed.

#### Validated Applications:

	Species	Test Material	Concentration	
Western Blotting	mouse	hippocampus*	1-2 µg/ml	
Immunohistochemistry	mouse	hippocampus	1-2 µg/ml	

\* do not boil samples for WB analysis

#### Background

AF-6, also known as afadin, is expressed in a variety of cell types. At least 5 isoforms of this protein are produced by alternative splicing and the 'canonical' sequence is designated as I-afadin. Chromosomal aberration of the MLLT4 gene (encoding AF-6) is associated with acute leukemias. AF-6 exists as a homodimer and interacts with various components of the cellular adhesion system, including actin cytoskeleton. Nectin-afadin complex is involved in the formation of cell-cell junctions, such as adherens junctions (AJ) and tight junctions (TJ). AF-6 connects nectins to the cadherin-catenin system at AJs and to the claudin-ZO protein system at TJs. Afadin knock-out mice show embryonic lethality and embryonic stem cells from these mice show increased apoptosis. Nectin-afadin complex is involved in PDGFinduced cell survival, at least through the PI3K-Akt signaling pathway (1). Proper accumulation of Par complex and activation of cdc42 and aPKC, as well as laminin and integrin alpha 6 and integrin beta 1 deposition were also inhibited by knockout of afadin (2). This indicates that afadin organizes the formation of cell-cell junctions in early embryonic development. AF-6 is also a key modulator of Wingless/Wnt, Ras-Mitogen Activated Protein Kinase (MAPK) and Notch signaling pathways cross-communication (3). This happens through physical interaction with Ras, Notch and Dishevelled, a key Wingless effector. AF-6 also controls integrin-mediated cell adhesion (4). This is done at least partially by regulating Rap1 activation through recruitment of both SPA-1 (a Rap1 GTPase-activating protein) and Rap1GTP. These results demonstrate that AF-6 is an important molecule mediating cell-cell adhesion but is also capable of modulating several key signaling pathways.

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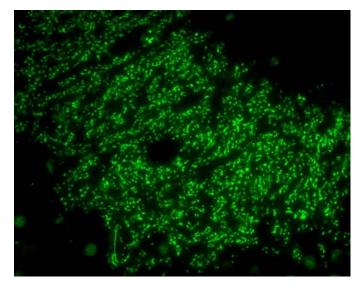
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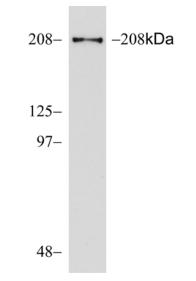
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Immunohistochemistry of mouse hippocampus tissue labeled with rabbit anti-AF-6 (Cat. No. 700193).

Mouse hippocampus tissue was labeled with rabbit anti-AF-6 (1  $\mu g/ml).$  Note staining of mossy fiber terminals in the CA3 region.



Western blot of mouse hippocampus lysates labeled with rabbit anti-AF-6 (Cat. No. 700193).

Rabbit anti-AF6 (1  $\mu g/ml)$  was used to label AF-6 in mouse hiccocampal lysates. Do not boil samples.

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