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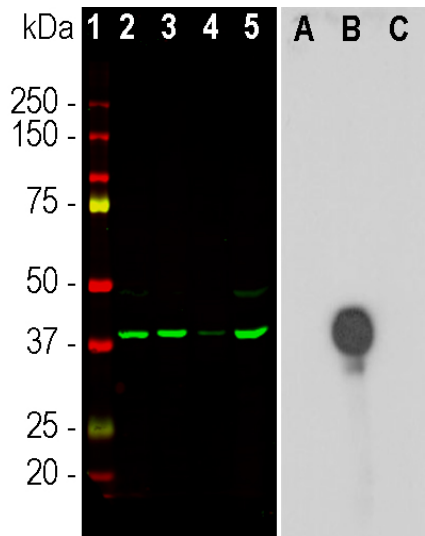
**HGNC Name:** AURKB  
**UniProt:** Q96GD4  
**RRID:** AB\_2572233  
**Immunogen:** Full length recombinant human aurora B protein expressed in and purified from *E. coli*.  
**Format:** Purified antibody at 1mg/mL in 50% PBS, 50% glycerol plus 5mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>  
**Storage:** Store at 4°C for one year, for longer term store at -20°C  
**Recommended dilutions:**  
 WB: 1:1,000. IF/ICC or IHC: 1:1,000.

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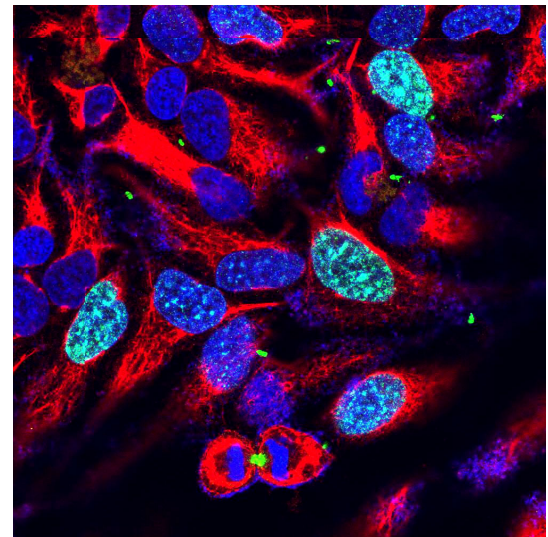
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A sequence alignment of the 3 human aurora molecules can be downloaded from [http://encorbio.com/Alignments/Aurora\\_alignment.pdf](http://encorbio.com/Alignments/Aurora_alignment.pdf).

Applications	Host	Isotype	Molecular Wt.	Species Cross-Reactivity
WB, IF/ICC, IHC	Mouse	IgG2a	38kDa	Hu, Ms, Ho, Do



Western blot analysis of different cell lysates and recombinant protein solutions using mouse mAb to aurora A/B, MCA-3H1. Left: cells were treated with 100ng/mL of nocodazol, a microtubule depolymerizing agent which induces cells to halt at G2/M phase. [1] protein standard, [2] HeLa, [3] canine A72 cells, [4] equine NBL6 cells, and [5] mouse KR158 cells. Right: Blot of purified full length recombinant human aurora A, B and C were probed with MCA-3F11. The antibody binds specifically only to aurora B and not to the closely related aurora A and C.



Immunofluorescent analysis of HeLa cells stained with mouse mAb to aurora B kinase, MCA-3F11, dilution 1:1,000 in green, and costained with chicken pAb to Vimentin, CPCA-Vim, dilution 1:2,000 in red. The blue is DAPI staining of nuclear DNA. The MCA-3F11 reveals aurora B localized in midbodies, midzones of dividing cells and also in the nuclei or some cells.

#### Background:

Aurora proteins are a family of serine/threonine protein kinases which play a key role in the regulation of cell division which were originally discovered in studies of *Drosophila* (1). Mammalian genomes encode 3 aurora kinases named aurora A, B and C, each containing a variable regulatory domain at the N terminus followed by a catalytic serine/threonine kinase domain which is almost identical between them, see [here](#) for sequence alignment. As a result it is possible to generate antibodies which react with only one aurora kinase or cross react with two or more other kinases. Aurora A and B are almost ubiquitous in distribution while C is normally only expressed in testis. Aurora A is required for centrosome duplication, entry into mitosis, formation of bipolar spindle and mitotic checkpoint (3). Aurora B is a chromosomal passenger protein and essential for chromosome condensation, kinetochore functions, spindle checkpoint activation and cytokinesis completion (4). Aurora C is normally involved in spermatogenesis, but may also be expressed in many transformed cell lines and tumors and has been less well studied to date (5). The aurora kinases are essential for the progression to cell division and as a result there has been much interest in the development of drugs aimed at inhibiting their activity for use as anticancer agents (6,7). We have made a panel of antibodies to the aurora kinases, concentrating originally on aurora A and B, and we made recombinant full length human aurora constructs of all three to document their potential cross reactivity.

The MCA-3F11 antibody was made against full length human aurora B protein and was shown not to bind both aurora B but not A and C. The antibody can be used to identify dividing or soon to be dividing cells and the antibody is also an excellent marker of midbodies both during and after cell division. We also supply other aurora specific antibodies, to aurora A only and [MCA-1A11](#), to both A and B, [MCA-5A12](#) and [MCA-3H1](#), and another which is aurora B specific, [MCA-6G2](#).

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#### Abbreviation Key:

**mAb—Monoclonal Antibody pAb—Polyclonal Antibody WB—Western Blot IF—Immunofluorescence ICC—Immunocytochemistry IHC—Immunohistochemistry E—ELISA Hu—Human Mo—Monkey Do—Dog Rt—Rat Ms—Mouse Co—Cow Pi—Pig Ho—Horse Ch—Chicken Dr—D. rerio Dm—D. melanogaster Sm—S. mutans Ce—C. elegans Sc—S. cerevisiae Sa—S. aureus Ec—E. coli.**