

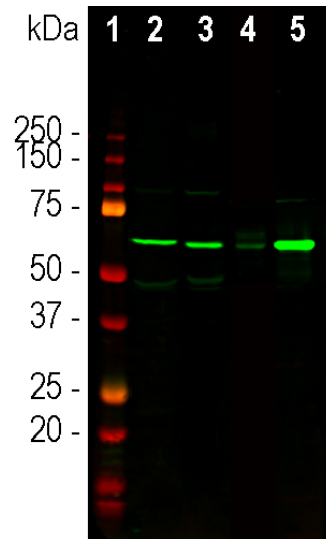
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HGNC Name: TH
UniProt: P07101
RRID: AB_2737417
Immunogen: Full length human TH expressed in and purified from *E. coli*.
Format: Affinity purified antibody at 1mg/mL in 50% PBS, 50% glycerol plus 5mM Na₂S₂O₃
Storage: Stable at 4°C for one year, for longer term store at -20°C
Recommended dilutions:
 WB: 1:5,000. IF/ICC 1:10,000

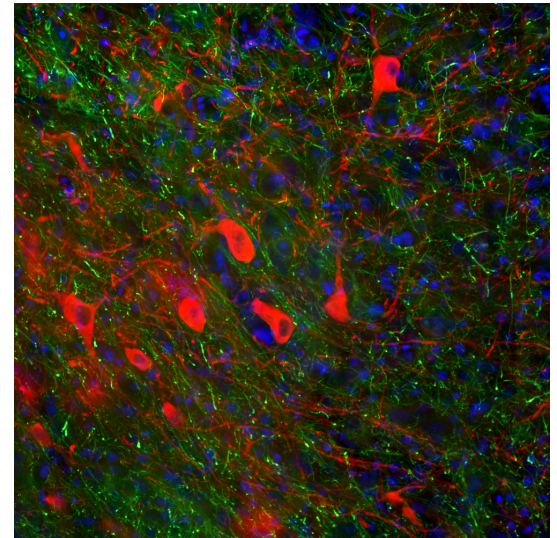
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Applications	Host	Isotype	Molecular Wt.	Species Cross-Reactivity
WB, IF/ICC	Rabbit		~58kDa	Hu, Rt, Ms



Western blot analysis of different tissue and cell lysates using rabbit pAb to TH, RPCA-TH, dilution 1:5,000 in green: [1] protein standard (red), [2] rat brain, [3] mouse brain, [4] SH-SY5Y cells, and [5] PC12 cells. The strong band at about 60kDa corresponds to TH protein expected in brain and PC12 extracts but not in SH-SY5Y cells.



Immunofluorescent analysis of rat brain section stained with rabbit pAb to tyrosine hydroxylase, RPCA-TH, dilution 1:10,000, in red and costained with mouse mAb to pNF-H, MCA-AH1, dilution 1:1,000 in green. The blue is Hoechst staining of nuclear DNA. Following transcardial perfusion of rat with 4% paraformaldehyde, brain was post fixed for 24 hours, cut to 45µm, and free-floating sections were stained with the above antibodies. The RPCA-TH antibody stains the striatal TH expressing interneurons, while the pNF-H antibody labels axons from other neuronal cells.

Background:

Tyrosine hydroxylase (TH) is a vital enzyme responsible for the generation of L-DOPA from the amino acid tyrosine. L-DOPA is the direct precursor of the neurotransmitter dopamine, and dopamine can itself be processed to produce the neurotransmitters adrenalin and noradrenalin (a.k.a. epinephrin and norepinephrin respectively). Neurons which use dopamine, adrenalin or noradrenalin, called collectively catecholamines, must express TH. TH has a very restricted distribution in the brain but is highly expressed in the cells in which it is found. As a result antibodies to TH are useful for the identification of catecholaminergic neurons. TH positive neurons in the rat are localized into clusters of cells most of which are in the brain stem, including notably the substantia nigra and locus ceruleus (1,2). The clusters of cells are usually referred to by a classification scheme based on that proposed by Dahlström and Fuxe, which labels cells in groups A1 - A17 and C1 to C3 (2). Subpopulations of neurons are localized in the olfactory bulb, habenula and retina. TH positive cells are also found in a subset of cells in the adrenal medulla, sympathetic ganglia, sensory ganglia and enteric ganglia (2). Numerous TH positive axons can be seen coursing through the striatum and to a much lesser degree the cortex originating from the mid brain A8, A9 and A10 nuclei. TH neurons have a huge impact on brain function and behavior but are relatively infrequent- the rat brain contains about 22,000 TH positive neurons in the A8, A9 and A10 nuclei out of a total of 200 million neurons (3). Parkinson's disease is caused by the loss of TH positive dopaminergic neurons in the substantia nigra, which are also relatively low in number (4), and perturbation of TH neurons has been implicated in Alzheimer's disease and schizophrenia (5-7). There is one mammalian gene which produces one mRNA transcript and one protein in rat but four alternate mRNA transcripts produce four slightly different forms of TH proteins in humans (8).

RPCA-TH was made against full length recombinant human TH based on the 524 amino acid sequence in [NP_954987.2](#), expressed in and purified from *E. coli*. The antibody works well on cells in culture and tissue sections, including formalin fixed paraffin embedded human and rodent tissues, see data under the "additional info" tag. We also supply a mouse monoclonal and a rabbit polyclonal antibody to this protein, MCA-4H2 and CPCA-TH.

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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.