

anti- HCV core protein antibody, mouse monoclonal (H6-29), FITC-conjugated

65-054 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 9.4 kb 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. **HCV core protein** (191 aa) is not only a component of nucleocapsid but also has multiple functions and is thought to be a pathogenic factor for hepatitis. It also participates in some cellular processes, including transcriptional regulation and cellular transduction. HCV core antigen is used as diagnostic marker for HCV infection.

Applications

1. Immunofluorescence staining
2. Immunohistochemistry

Immunogen: A part of the **core** region (nucleotides 369-704, amino acids 13-124) of **HCV genotype 1b** expressed in *E. coli* (the nucleotide sequence is shown in ref.3)

Conjugate: **FITC conjugated**, [FITC] / [IgG] = 6.7

Isotype: Mouse IgG2a kappa

Form: 1.6 mg/ml in PBS, 50% glycerol, filter-sterilized

Specificity: Specific to human HCV core antigen of genotype 1b. Not tested in other genotypes

Storage: Shipped at 4°C or at -20°C and stored at -20°C

Data Link: Swiss-Prot [HCV protein](#)

References: This antibody (unconjugated) has been used in ref.4 and 5.

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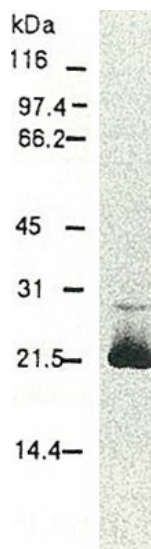


Fig.1 Western blotting of HCV core protein.
Chimp liver cells were infected with recombinant vaccinia virus containing a HCV genome cDNA and were subjected to Western blotting using this antibody. The core protein is detected as a 22-kDa band.

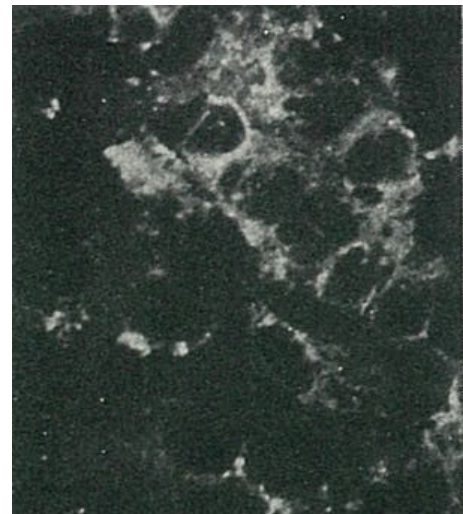


Fig.2 Detection of HCV core protein by immunofluorescence antibody staining.
Chimp liver cells were infected with recombinant vaccinia virus containing a HCV genome cDNA. After incubation for 48 hr, the cells were fixed with acetone and HCV core protein was detected by indirect immunofluorescence staining using this antibody.

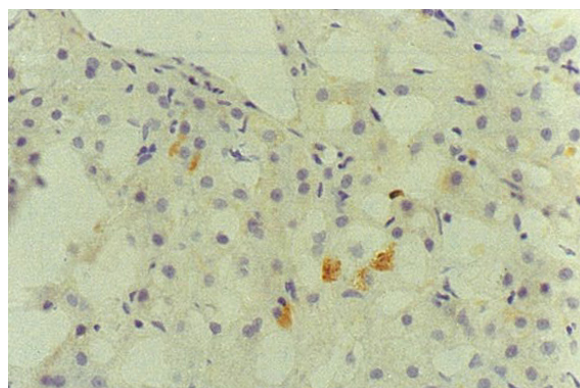


Fig.3 Immunohistochemical detection of HCV core protein.
Tissue section from a patient with chronic hepatitis C was immunostained to reveal cells expressing HCV core antigen, which are scattered in the lobules (indirect immunohistochemical method, counterstained with Mayer's hematoxylin).