

## Product Information

### ANTI-DFF45/ICAD, N-TERMINAL

Developed in Rabbit, IgG Fraction of Antiserum

Product Number **D 3438**

#### Product Description

Anti-DFF45/ICAD is developed in rabbit using a synthetic peptide corresponding to amino acids 2-21 of the N-terminus of human DFF45<sup>1</sup> as immunogen.

Anti-DFF45/ICAD, N-Terminal recognizes DFF45 by immunoblotting (45 kDa) and immunohistochemistry.

DFF45 and DFF40 (also termed ICAD and CAD) are two subunits that make up the heterodimeric protein caspase-activated DNase or DNA Fragmentation Factor (DFF) that triggers DNA fragmentation during apoptosis.<sup>2</sup>

DFF exists as an inactive cytoplasmic protein until activated by apoptotic signals. DFF45 functions as both a chaperone, mediating the correct folding of DFF40, and an inhibitor of DFF40.<sup>3</sup> In response to apoptotic signals, DFF45 is cleaved by caspase-3 at two sites. This releases active nuclease, DFF40.<sup>1,4-7</sup> DFF40 seems to oligomerize, forming a large, functional complex which breaks down DNA by introducing double-strand breaks. Furthermore, DFF40 appears to interact directly with histone H1 that may stimulate its activity.<sup>8</sup>

#### Reagents

Anti-DFF45/ICAD, N-Terminal is supplied as 0.5 mg/ml of IgG fraction of antiserum in phosphate buffered saline, 0.02% sodium azide.

#### Precautions and Disclaimer

Due to the sodium azide content a material safety data sheet (MSDS) has been sent to the attention of the safety officer at your institution. Consult the MSDS for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

#### Storage/Stability

For continuous use, store at 2-8°C for up to one month. For extended storage, freeze in working aliquots. Repeated freezing and thawing is not recommended. Storage in "frost-free" freezers is not recommended. If slight turbidity occurs upon prolonged storage, clarify the solution by centrifugation before use. Working dilution samples should be discarded if not used within 12 hours.

#### Product Profile

Recommended working concentration is approximately 0.5 µg/ml (1:1,000-1:2,000 dilution) by immunoblotting using a total HeLa cell lysate. A 45 kDa band should be detected in non-apoptotic cells.

Note: In order to obtain best results and assay sensitivities in different techniques and preparations, we recommend determining optimal working dilutions by titration test.

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