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## Monoclonal Antibody to alpha-tubulin Alexa Fluor® 488 conjugated (0.1 mg)

<b>Clone:</b>	TU-01
<b>Isotype:</b>	Mouse IgG1
<b>Specificity:</b>	The antibody TU-01 recognizes the defined epitope (aa 65-97) on N-terminal structural domain of alpha-tubulin.
<b>Immunogen:</b>	Fraction of tubulin purified from porcine brain by two cycles of polymerization - depolymerization.
<b>Species Reactivity:</b>	Broad species reactivity
<b>Preparation:</b>	The purified antibody is conjugated with Alexa Fluor 488 under optimum conditions. The conjugate is purified by size-exclusion chromatography.
<b>Concentration:</b>	1.0 mg/ml
<b>Storage Buffer:</b>	Phosphate buffered saline (PBS) with 15 mM sodium azide, approx. pH 7.4
<b>Storage / Stability:</b>	Store in the dark at 2-8°C. Do not freeze. Avoid prolonged exposure to light. Do not use after expiration date stamped on vial label. Short-term exposure to room temperature should not affect the quality of the reagent. However, if reagent is stored under any conditions other than those specified, the conditions must be verified by the user.
<b>Usage:</b>	The antibody is designed for Immunocytochemistry analysis. Suggested working dilution is 1:20-100. Indicated dilution is recommended starting point for use of this product. Working concentrations should be determined by the investigator.
<b>Expiration:</b>	See vial label
<b>Lot Number:</b>	See vial label

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**Antibodies****Background:**

The **microtubules** are intracellular dynamic polymers made up of evolutionarily conserved polymorphic alpha/beta-tubulin heterodimers and a large number of microtubule-associated proteins (MAPs). The microtubules consist of 13 protofilaments and have an outer diameter 25 nm. Microtubules have their intrinsic polarity; highly dynamic plus ends and less dynamic minus ends. Microtubules are required for vital processes in eukaryotic cells including mitosis, meiosis, maintenance of cell shape and intracellular transport. Microtubules are also necessary for movement of cells by means of flagella and cilia. In mammalian tissue culture cells microtubules have their minus ends anchored in microtubule organizing centers (MTOCs). The GTP (guanosinotriphosphate) molecule is an essential for tubulin heterodimer to associate with other heterodimers to form microtubule. In vivo, microtubule dynamics vary considerably. Microtubule polymerization is reversible and a populations of microtubules in cells are on their minus ends either growing or shortening this phenomenon is called dynamic instability of microtubules. On a practical level, microtubules can easily be stabilized by the addition of non-hydrolysable analogues of GTP (eg. GMPPCP) or more commonly by anti-cancer drugs such as Taxol. Taxol stabilizes microtubules at room temperature for many hours. Using limited proteolysis by enzymes both tubulin subunits can be divided into N-terminal and C-terminal structural domains.

The **alpha-tubulin** (relative molecular weight around 50 kDa) is globular protein that exists in cells as part of soluble alpha/beta-tubulin dimer or it is polymerized into microtubules. In different species it is coded by multiple tubulin genes that form tubulin classes (in human 6 genes). Expressed tubulin genes are named tubulin isotypes. Some of the tubulin isotypes are expressed ubiquitously, while some have more restricted tissue expression.

Alpha-tubulin is also subject of numerous post-translational modifications. Tubulin isotypes and their posttranslational modifications are responsible for multiple tubulin charge variants - tubulin isoforms. Heterogeneity of alpha-tubulin is concentrated in C-terminal structural domain.

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