

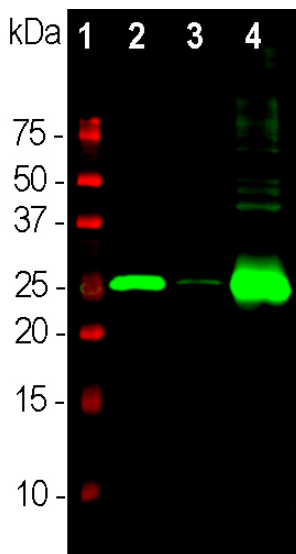
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**HGNC Name:** CALB1  
**UniProt:** P05937  
**RRID:** AB\_2572239  
**Immunogen:** Full length recombinant human protein expressed in and purified from *E. coli*.  
**Format:** Purified antibody at 1mg/mL in 50% PBS, 50% glycerol plus 5mM Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
**Storage:** Store at 4°C for short term, for longer term store at -20°C  
**Recommended dilutions:**  
 WB: 1:5,000. IF/ICC or IHC: 1:5,000.

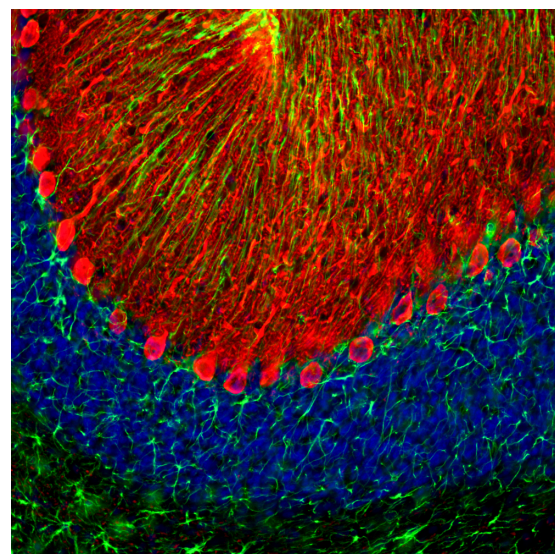
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Applications	Host	Isotype	Molecular Wt.	Species Cross-Reactivity
WB, IF/ICC, IHC	Mouse	IgG2a	~26kDa	Hu, Rt, Ms, Co



Western blot analysis of different neuronal tissue lysates using mouse mAb to calbindin, MCA-5A9, dilution 1:5,000: [1] protein standard, [2] rat cerebellum, [3] pig hippocampus, and [4] cow cerebellum. Bands at about 26kDa correspond to calbindin protein, heavily expressed in the cerebellum.



Immunofluorescent analysis of rat brain cerebellum section stained with mouse mAb to calbindin, MCA-5A9, dilution 1:2,000, in red, and costained with rabbit pAb to GFAP, *RPCA-GFAP*, dilution 1:5,000 in green. The blue is Hoechst staining of nuclear DNA. Following transcardial perfusion with 4% paraformaldehyde, brain was post fixed for 24 hours, cut to 45µM, and free-floating sections were stained with the above antibodies. The MCA-5A9 calbindin antibody prominently labels the dendrites and perikarya of Purkinje cells in the molecular layer of the cerebellum. The GFAP antibody stains the processes of Bergmann glia in the molecular layer and astroglia in the granular and white matter layers of cerebellum.

### Background:

Calbindin, also known as calbindin 1 or calbindin-D28k is a member of the large superfamily of cytoplasmic EF hand containing Calcium binding proteins and is expressed in the brain, intestine, kidney and pancreas (1-3). It is particularly concentrated in the dendrites and perikarya of cerebellar Purkinje cells, but is also found in many GABAergic interneurons in the cerebral cortex. These GABAergic interneurons in most cases express only one of three Calcium binding proteins, namely calbindin or parvalbumin or calretinin. As a result these important and physiologically distinct inhibitory interneurons can be identified and subclassified based on their content of these three proteins (4-6).

The MCA-5A9 antibody was made against full length recombinant human calbindin expressed in and purified from *E. coli*, EnCor product [Prot-r-Calb1](#). We have shown that this antibody binds calbindin cleanly on western blots and in sections but fails to recognize the related calretinin and parvalbumin proteins. It is therefore ideally suited for identifying and subclassifying cortical GABAergic neurons. The antibody works well for western blotting and for IF, ICC and IHC (see data under "Additional Info" tab). EnCor manufactures an alternate mouse monoclonal antibody to calbindin [MCA-4H7](#) and a chicken polyclonal to calbindin [CPCA-Calb](#), allowing double and triple labeling of appropriate cell and tissue samples.

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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.