

**MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY TO  
HUMAN ACTIVATED COMPLEMENT PROTEIN C3**  
clone I3/15



**Catalog no** HM2257 (lot number and expiry date are indicated on the label)

**Description** The monoclonal antibody I3/15 recognizes activated complement protein C3, namely an neo-epitope on C3b, iC3b and C3dg which is not present in native C3. The antibody I3/15 recognizes native C3 after unfolding upon activation or after SDS treatment.  
C3 is a 190 kD protein that plays an important role in the complement activation cascade. The molecule is central to the classical, alternative and lectin pathways of complement activation. The synthesis of C3 is tissue-specific and is modulated in response to a variety of stimulatory agents. C3 is the most abundant protein of the complement system with serum protein levels of about 1.3 mg/ml. When activated, C3 is cleaved into two biologically active fragments known as C3a and C3b. C3a is a mediator of local inflammatory processes with anaphylatoxic properties. As such it induces smooth muscle contraction, increases vascular permeability, and causes histamine release from mast cells and basophilic leukocytes. C3b becomes attached to immune complexes and is further cleaved into iC3b, C3c, C3dg and C3f. The C3 fragments C3b, iC3b, C3dg and C3d are collectively termed activated C3 (act. C3). The most important function of C3 fragments is the interaction of the complement system with other immune cells.  
Activation products of the complement cascade contain neo-epitopes that are not present in the individual native components. Monoclonal antibodies detecting neo-epitopes have been used for direct quantification of activation at different steps in the complement cascade.

**Aliases** C3, PZP-like alpha-2-macroglobulin domain-containing protein 1

**Species** Mouse IgG<sub>1</sub>

**Formulation** 1 ml (100 µg/ml) 0.2 µm filtered antibody solution in PBS, containing 0.1% bovine serum albumin and 0.02% sodium azide.

**Application**

	F	FC	FS	IA	IF	IP	P	W
Yes				• a				• b
No								
N.D.	•	•	•		•	•	•	

N.D.=Not Determined; F=Frozen sections; FC=Flow cytometry; FS=Functional studies; IA=Immuno assays; IF=Immuno fluorescence; IP=Immuno precipitation; P=Paraffin sections; W=Western blot  
a) adsorption of native C3 to a plastic surface can result in conformational modifications that may expose the antibody binding sites of the molecules. b) The antibody I3/15 recognizes native C3 after unfolding upon activation or after SDS treatment.

**Use** For Western blotting, dilutions to be used depend on detection system applied. It is recommended that users test the reagent and determine their own optimal dilutions. The typical starting working dilution is 1:50.

**Storage and stability** Product should be stored at 4°C. Under recommended storage conditions, product is stable for one year.

**Precautions** For research use only. Not for use in or on humans or animals or for diagnostics. It is the responsibility of the user to comply with all local/state and federal rules in the use of this product. Hycult Biotech is not responsible for any patent infringements that might result from the use or derivation of this product.

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<b>Also available</b>	HM2072	Monoclonal antibody to Human C3/C3b, clone 755
	HM2073	Monoclonal antibody to Human C3/C3a, clone 474
	HM2074	Monoclonal antibody to Human C3a/C3a des-Arg (neo-epitope), clone 2991
	HM2075	Monoclonal antibody to Human C3/C3a (C-terminus), clone 2898
	HM2107	Monoclonal antibody to Human CD35, CR1, clone 31R