

# UNC-2 (cF-20): sc-12230

## BACKGROUND

A variety of growth factor signaling molecules have been shown to regulate *C. elegans* development, including members of the EGF, FGF and TGF super-families. These factors bind to specific receptors and transduce extracellular signals to the nucleus. Receptor tyrosine kinase/Ras pathways also play a critical role in cell signaling and are responsible for proper vulval development. The activation of MAP kinase in olfactory neurons is dependent on the function of the nucleotide-gated channel TAX-2/TAX-4 and the voltage-activated calcium channel subunit, UNC-2. UNC-2 is a homolog of a voltage-sensitive calcium channel  $\alpha$ -1 subunit. UNC-2 is required for adaptation to two neurotransmitters, dopamine and serotonin. Expression of UNC-2 occurs in neurons implicated in the control of egg laying, a behaviour regulated by serotonin. UNC-2 may be required in modulatory neurons to downregulate the response of the egg-laying muscles to serotonin.

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## SOURCE

UNC-2 (cF-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping near the N-terminus of UNC-2 of *Caenorhabditis elegans* origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-12230 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## STORAGE

Store at 4° C, **\*\*DO NOT FREEZE\*\***. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

## RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.

## APPLICATIONS

UNC-2 (cF-20) is recommended for detection of UNC-2 of *Caenorhabditis elegans* origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

## RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2020 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2033 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use donkey anti-goat IgG-FITC: sc-2024 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or donkey anti-goat IgG-TR: sc-2783 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

## PROTOCOLS

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