

# C3 $\alpha$ (K-19): sc-14613

## BACKGROUND

Complement C3 precursor contains complement C3  $\beta$  chain, complement C3 $\alpha$  chain, C3 $\alpha$  anaphylatoxin, complement C3b  $\alpha$  chain, complement C3c fragment, complement C3dg fragment, complement C3g fragment, complement C3d fragment and complement C3f fragment. C3a, C4a, and C5a are potent anaphylatoxins that are released during complement activation, a system of ligand-surface protein interactions specific to cells of hematopoietic lineage that aids in the elimination of pathogens. C3a and C5a secretion correlates with pathophysiological phenotypes such as asthma and bacterial meningitis. Binding of these proteins to their respective G protein-coupled receptors (C3aR, C5aR), which are present on the surface of myeloid leukocytes, induces proinflammatory events such as cellular degranulation, smooth muscle contraction, arachidonic acid metabolism, cytokine release, leukocyte activation and cellular chemotaxis. C3aR is expressed in brain and activated B-lymphocytes whereas C5aR is prevalent on the surface of hepatocyte, lung, smooth muscle, and endothelial cells. Upon activation, C3aR and C5aR are susceptible to rapid GRK-mediated phosphorylation and clathrin-coated vesicle targeting. C5aR utilizes the Ras-Raf-ERK1/2 cascade and couples to G $\gamma$ /G16 proteins.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: C3 (human) mapping to 19p13.3; C3 (mouse) mapping to 17 D.

## SOURCE

C3 $\alpha$  (K-19) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping within an internal region of C3 of human origin.

## STORAGE

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

## 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-14613 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## APPLICATIONS

C3 $\alpha$  (K-19) is recommended for detection of C3 precursor, C3  $\alpha$  chain and C3b  $\alpha$  chain of mouse, rat and human 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).

C3 $\alpha$  (K-19) is also recommended for detection of C3 precursor, C3  $\alpha$  chain and C3b  $\alpha$  chain in additional species, including canine and porcine.

Molecular Weight of C3 $\alpha$ : 65 kDa.

Positive Controls: THP-1 cell lysate: sc-2238, U-937 cell lysate: sc-2239 or T98G cell lysate: sc-2294.

## 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.

## RESEARCH USE

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

## PROTOCOLS

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