# TCR $\alpha$ (S-20): sc-1582



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#### **BACKGROUND**

The T cell antigen receptor (TCR) recognizes foreign antigens and translates such recognition events into intracellular signals that elicit a change in the cell from a dormant to an activated state. TCR is a heterodimer composed of either  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  or  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  chains. The vast majority of circulating T cells (95%) express the  $\alpha/\beta$  heterodimer while roughly 2-5% express the  $\gamma/\delta$ heterodimer. CD3 chains and the CD4 or CD8 coreceptors are also required for efficient signal transduction through the TCR. The TCR is expressed on T helper and T cytotoxic cells that can be distinguished by their expression of CD4 and CD8. T helper cells express CD4 proteins and T cytotoxic cells display CD8. CD4 is also expressed on cortical cells, mature medullary thymocytes, microglial cells and dendritic cells. CD4, also designated T4 and Leu 3, is a 55 kDa membrane glycoprotein that contains four extracellular immunoglobin-like domains. The TCR, in association with CD4, can bind class II MHC molecules presented by the antigen-presenting cells. The CD4 protein functions by increasing the avidity of the interaction between the TCR and an antigen-class II MHC complex.

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#### **CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: TCRA (human) mapping to 14q11.2; Tcra (mouse) mapping to 14  $19.5 \, \text{cM}$  (14 D1-D2).

#### SOURCE

TCR  $\alpha$  (S-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping within an internal region of TCR  $\alpha$  of mouse origin.

#### **RESEARCH USE**

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

#### **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-1582 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

#### **APPLICATIONS**

TCR  $\alpha$  (S-20) is recommended for detection of TCR  $\alpha$  C region 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).

Suitable for use as control antibody for TCR  $\alpha$  siRNA (h): sc-36626, TCR  $\alpha$  siRNA (m): sc-37273, TCR  $\alpha$  shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-36626-SH, TCR  $\alpha$  shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-37273-SH, TCR  $\alpha$  shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-36626-V and TCR  $\alpha$  shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-37273-V.

Molecular Weight of TCR α: 34 kDa.

Positive Controls: K-562 whole cell lysate: sc-2203, HuT 78 whole cell lysate: sc-2208 or Jurkat whole cell lysate: sc-2204.

# **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.

## **STORAGE**

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

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