

# CNTF (G-7): sc-166272

## BACKGROUND

Ciliary neurotrophic factor, or CNTF, is a neurotrophic cytokine that promotes the survival and differentiation of a number of cell types including sensory, sympathetic and motor neurons. CNTF, LIF and IL-6 belong to a family of cytokines that share structural homology and signal through identical receptor components. The CNTF receptor (CNTFR) is comprised of CNTFR $\alpha$ , a CNTFR-specific chain, and a heterodimer of the gp130 chain common to the IL-6 and LIF receptor and the LIFR $\beta$  chain. The CNTFR complex has been shown to augment DNA synthesis through the activation of transcription factors Stat1 and Stat3. CNTF has been implicated as a protein involved in the pathogenesis of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS. However, unlike mice lacking CNTF, mice containing a homozygous null mutation in the gene encoding the CNTFR $\alpha$  chain die perinatally and display severe motor neuron deficits. This data suggests the existence of a second CNTFR ligand that plays a critical role in development of the neonatal nervous system.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CNTF (human) mapping to 11q12.1.

## SOURCE

CNTF (G-7) is a mouse monoclonal antibody specific for an epitope mapping between amino acids 168-197 at the C-terminus of CNTF of human origin.

## PRODUCT

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

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-166272 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% stabilizer protein).

## APPLICATIONS

CNTF (G-7) is recommended for detection of CNTF of human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:100, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2  $\mu$ g per 100-500  $\mu$ g of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)], 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 CNTF siRNA (h): sc-41921, CNTF shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-41921-SH and CNTF shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-41921-V.

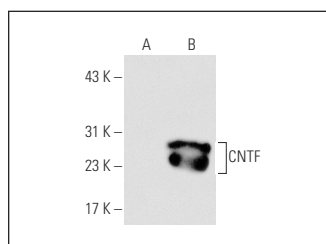
Molecular Weight of CNTF: 22 kDa.

Positive Controls: CNTF (h): 293T Lysate: sc-111465.

## RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended:  
 1) Western Blotting: use m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker<sup>TM</sup> Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Blocking Reagent: sc-516214 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunoprecipitation: use Protein A/G PLUS-agarose: sc-2003 (0.5 ml agarose/2.0 ml). 3) Immunofluorescence: use m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## DATA



CNTF (G-7): sc-166272. Western blot analysis of CNTF expression in non-transfected: sc-117752 (A) and human CNTF transfected: sc-111465 (B) 293T whole cell lysates.

## 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.

## PROTOCOLS

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