

# β-casein (M-14): sc-17971

## BACKGROUND

Milk proteins are crucial for the development of all newborn mammals and caseins constitute the major proteins in mammalian milk. β- and κ-caseins are the only caseins present in human milk. The β-casein/κ-casein ratio is higher in colostrum than in transitional and mature milk and is related to a better digestibility of colostrum casein micelles by the neonate during the first days of life. Human β-casein-encoding gene (*Bca*) contains a highly phosphorylated site, which is responsible for the calcium-binding capacity of β-casein. A common set of transcription factors are required for the expression of β-casein. Multiple binding sites for Stat5, C/EBPβ (CCAAT/enhancer-binding protein) and several half-sites for glucocorticoid receptor (GR) are identified in the distal human enhancer of the β-casein gene. β-casein gene transcription is regulated primarily by a composite response element (CoRE), which integrates signaling from the lactogenic hormones PRL, Insulin and hydrocortisone in mammary epithelial cells. NFκB functions as a negative regulator of β-casein gene expression during pregnancy by interfering with Stat5 tyrosine phosphorylation.

## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: *Csn2* (mouse) mapping to 5 E1.

## SOURCE

β-casein (M-14) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping at the C-terminus of β-casein of mouse origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200 μg IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-17971 P, (100 μg 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.

## PROTOCOLS

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## APPLICATIONS

β-casein (M-14) is recommended for detection of β-casein of mouse origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2 μg per 100-500 μg 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).

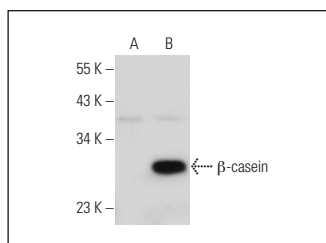
Suitable for use as control antibody for β-casein siRNA (m): sc-40385, β-casein shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-40385-SH and β-casein shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-40385-V.

Molecular Weight of β-casein: 29 kDa.

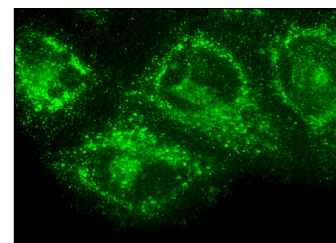
## RESEARCH USE

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

## DATA



β-casein (M-14): sc-17971. Western blot analysis of β-casein expression in non-transfected: sc-117752 (A) and mouse β-casein transfected: sc-119005 (B) 293T whole cell lysates.



β-casein (M-14): sc-17971. Immunofluorescence staining of methanol-fixed HeLa cells showing cytoplasmic localization.

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