



# galectin-9 (N-20): sc-19290

## BACKGROUND

Galectins are a family of soluble  $\beta$ -galactoside-binding animal lectins that modulate cell-to-cell adhesion and cell-to-extracellular matrix (ECM) interactions and play a role in tumor progression, pre-mRNA splicing and apoptosis. One member of this family, Galectin-9, also known as Ecalectin, Gal-9, hUAT2, HOM-HD-21 or LGALS9, maps to human chromosome 17 and encodes a 36 kDa protein. Galectin-9 is an integral membrane protein that exists as two isoforms, a long form and a short form, which differ by an internal stretch of 32 amino acids. Galectin-9 is an eosinophile chemoattractant produced by activated T lymphocytes that is expressed in organs of the gastrointestinal tract, aorta, liver, kidney, liver, pancreatic islets, lung, tonsil and some colorectal carcinoma, and in the cell lines HUVEC, U-937, HL60, HeLa and Jurkat. Introduction of IL-1 $\beta$  enhances Galectin-9 expression. Increased expression of Galectin-9 induces apoptosis in thymocytes and CD8<sup>+</sup> cells. Galectin-9 is involved in immuno/inflammation processes in potential-sensitive uric acid translocation and contributes to inflammatory reactions in the central nervous system (CNS).

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## SOURCE

galectin-9 (N-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping near the N-terminus of galectin-9 of human 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-19290 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## APPLICATIONS

galectin-9 (N-20) is recommended for detection of galectin-9 of 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); also recommended for detection of LGALS9B and LGALS9C.

Suitable for use as control antibody for galectin-9 siRNA (h): sc-35444.

Molecular Weight of galectin-9: 36 kDa.

## 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.

## RESEARCH USE

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

## PROTOCOLS

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