



Contactin 3 (N-20): sc-20299

BACKGROUND

Changes in synaptic efficacy can mediate crucial processes during learning and memory formation. Accumulating evidence implicates cell adhesion molecules in activity-dependent synaptic modifications associated with paired-pulse facilitation (PPF), long-term potentiation (LTP) and long-term depression (LTD). Among the cell adhesion molecules involved in these processes are the contactins. Contactins are immunoglobulin superfamily members that play a selective role in synaptic plasticity, PPF and LTD, and may regulate cell-cell interactions contributing to synaptic plasticity in conjunction with other synapse targeting molecules, including paranodin and phosphacan. In addition, contactins are essential components that control expression and distribution of Na⁺ channels in neurons, junctional attachment at the paranode, and ultimately the physiology of the myelinated nerve. The human Contactin 1 gene maps to chromosome 12q11-q12 and encodes a 1,018 amino acid protein. The human Contactin 3 gene maps to chromosome 3p26 and encodes a 646 amino acid plasmacytoma-associated neuronal glycoprotein. The human Contactin 5 gene maps to chromosome 11q21-q22.2 and encodes a 1,100 amino acid neural adhesion molecule. The human Contactin 6 gene maps to chromosome 3p26-p25 and encodes a 1,028 amino acid neural adhesion molecule.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CNTN3 (human) mapping to 3p26; Cntn3 (mouse) mapping to 6 D3.

SOURCE

Contactin 3 (N-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping within an internal region of Contactin 3 of human origin.

RESEARCH USE

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

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-20299 P, (100 µg peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

APPLICATIONS

Contactin 3 (N-20) is recommended for detection of Contactin 3 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).

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.

PROTOCOLS

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