

# Bikunin (C-19): sc-21598

## BACKGROUND

The AMBP ( $\alpha$ -1-Microglobulin/bikunin precursor) gene encodes a protein precursor, known as AMBP, that is cleaved to produce two distinct proteins, designated  $\alpha$ -1-micro-globulin and Bikunin. Inter- $\alpha$ -inhibitor (I $\alpha$ I) is a serine proteinase inhibitor found in high concentrations in human plasma. I $\alpha$ I is composed of Bikunin, a light inhibitory chain, and two heavy chains. Bikunin (inter- $\alpha$ -trypsin inhibitor light chain, ITI-LC or urinary trypsin inhibitor) is covalently linked to two heavy chains that, after tissular diffusion, stabilize the extracellular matrix. Bikunin exerts antiproteinase activity and other anti-inflammatory functions. Bikunin is expressed in various human tissues such as kidney, heart, liver, lung and pancreas and is stored in the granules of human connective tissue mast cells. Bikunin is expressed on the surface of pancreatic acinar cells and may play an important role in preventing autolysis by exocrine enzymes such as trypsinogen and chymotrypsinogen. Bikunin is a potent inhibitor of calcium oxalate crystallization and has been implicated in various renal diseases, including urolithiasis.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: AMBP (human) mapping to 9q32.

## SOURCE

Bikunin (C-19) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping at the C-terminus of Bikunin of human 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-21598 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## APPLICATIONS

Bikunin (C-19) is recommended for detection of AMBP and Bikunin 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).

Bikunin (C-19) is also recommended for detection of AMBP and Bikunin in additional species, including equine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for AMBP siRNA (h): sc-39552, AMBP shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-39552-SH and AMBP shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-39552-V.

Molecular Weight of Bikunin: 30 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.

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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## 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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