

# βA2-crystallin (N-20): sc-22399

## BACKGROUND

Crystallins are the major proteins of the vertebrate eye lens, where they maintain the transparency and refractive index of the lens. Crystallins are divided into  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  families, and the  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -crystallins also comprise a superfamily. Crystallins usually contain seven distinctive protein regions, including four homologous motifs, a connecting peptide, and N- and C-terminal extensions.  $\beta$ -crystallins constitute the major lens structural proteins, and they associate into dimers, tetramers and higher order aggregates. The  $\beta$ -crystallin subfamily is composed of several gene products, including  $\beta$ A1-,  $\beta$ A2-,  $\beta$ A3-,  $\beta$ A4-,  $\beta$ B1-,  $\beta$ B2- and  $\beta$ B3-crystallin. The  $\beta$ A1- and  $\beta$ A3-crystallin proteins are encoded by a single mRNA. They differ by only 17 amino acids, and  $\beta$ A1-crystallin is generated by use of an alternate translation initiation site.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CRYBA2 (human) mapping to 2q35; Cryba2 (mouse) mapping to 1 C3.

## SOURCE

$\beta$ A2-crystallin (N-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping near the N-terminus of  $\beta$ A2-crystallin 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-22399 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## APPLICATIONS

$\beta$ A2-crystallin (N-20) is recommended for detection of  $\beta$ A2-crystallin 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).

$\beta$ A2-crystallin (N-20) is also recommended for detection of  $\beta$ A2-crystallin in additional species, including equine, canine and bovine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for  $\beta$ A2-crystallin siRNA (h): sc-40436,  $\beta$ A2-crystallin siRNA (m): sc-40437,  $\beta$ A2-crystallin shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-40436-SH,  $\beta$ A2-crystallin shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-40437-SH,  $\beta$ A2-crystallin shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-40436-V and  $\beta$ A2-crystallin shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-40437-V.

## 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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