

# $\gamma$ N-crystallin (C-20): sc-22419

## 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.  $\gamma$ -crystallins are structural proteins in the lens, and they exist as monomers, which typically lack connecting peptides and terminal extensions. The  $\gamma$ -crystallins include seven closely related proteins designated  $\gamma$ A-,  $\gamma$ B-,  $\gamma$ C-,  $\gamma$ D-,  $\gamma$ E-,  $\gamma$ F-, and  $\gamma$ G-crystallin, which all map to human chromosome 2q33. This family also includes the  $\gamma$ N and  $\gamma$ S-crystallin genes, which map to human chromosomes 7 and 3, respectively. The  $\gamma$ -crystallins are differentially regulated after early development, and are involved in cataract formation as a result of either age-related protein degradation or genetic mutation.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CRYGN (human) mapping to 7q36.1; Crygn (mouse) mapping to 5 A3.

## SOURCE

$\gamma$ N-crystallin (C-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping near the C-terminus of  $\gamma$ N-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-22419 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## APPLICATIONS

$\gamma$ N-crystallin (C-20) is recommended for detection of  $\gamma$ N-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).

$\gamma$ N-crystallin (C-20) is also recommended for detection of  $\gamma$ N-crystallin in additional species, including bovine.

## 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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