

Neurophysin II (A-20): sc-27094

BACKGROUND

The nonapeptide hormones arginine vasopressin (ARG-vasopressin or AVP) and Oxytocin are synthesized in the supraoptic and paraventricular nuclei of the hypothalamus together with their respective "carrier" proteins, the neurophysins. Vasopressin and oxytocin are produced by separate populations of magnocellular neurons in both nuclei. Neurophysin I (NPI) and Neurophysin II (NPII) function as carrier proteins for oxytocin and vasopressin, respectively. Oxytocin is a pituitary hormone which induces uterine contractions during childbirth and the ejection of milk from the mammary glands during nursing. Vasopressin is involved in the metabolism of water and electrolytes and has been identified as a vasoconstrictor. Both neurophysin genes exist as three exons, with each exon encoding a functional protein domain. Studies show that the identically conserved middle region (exon B) is involved in NP-NP homodimer formation as well as being the site for the Glycine 17 to Valine point mutation responsible for familial diabetes insipidus. The genes encoding Neurophysin I and II map to human chromosome 20p13.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: AVP (human) mapping to 20p13.

SOURCE

Neurophysin II (A-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping within an internal region of Neurophysin II of human origin.

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-27094 P, (100 µg peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

APPLICATIONS

Neurophysin II (A-20) is recommended for detection of precursor and mature Neurophysin II 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).

Neurophysin II (A-20) is also recommended for detection of precursor and mature Neurophysin II in additional species, including canine, bovine and porcine.

Molecular Weight of Neurophysin II: 23 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

See our web site at www.scbt.com or our catalog for detailed protocols and support products.