## SANTA CRUZ BIOTECHNOLOGY, INC.

# αA-crystallin (B-2): sc-28306



### 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 compose a superfamily. Crystallins usually contain seven distinct protein regions, including four homologous motifs, a connecting peptide, and N- and C-terminal extensions.  $\alpha$ -crystallins consist of three gene products,  $\alpha A$ ,  $\alpha B$  and  $\alpha C$ -crystallin, which are members of the small heat shock protein family (HSP 20). They are induced by heat shock, and act as molecular chaperones by holding denatured proteins in large soluble aggregates. However, unlike other molecular chaperones, *α*-crystallins do not renature these proteins. Expression of *α*A-crystallin is restricted to the lens. Defects in this gene cause autosomal dominant congenital cataracts (ADCC). The human  $\alpha$ B-crystallin gene product is expressed in many tissues, including lens, heart and skeletal muscle. Elevated expression of  $\alpha$ B-crystallin is associated with many neurological diseases, and a missense mutation in this gene has co-segregated in a family with a Desmin-related myopathy.

#### **CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: CRYAA (human) mapping to 21q22.3; Cryaa (mouse) mapping to 17 B1.

#### SOURCE

 $\alpha$ A-crystallin (B-2) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against amino acids 1-173 representing full length  $\alpha$ A-crystallin of human origin.

### PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu g\, lgG_{2a}$  kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

 $\alpha$ A-crystallin (B-2) is available conjugated to agarose (sc-28306 AC), 500 μg/0.25 ml agarose in 1 ml, for IP; to HRP (sc-28306 HRP), 200 μg/ml, for WB, IHC(P) and ELISA; to either phycoerythrin (sc-28306 PE), fluorescein (sc-28306 FITC), Alexa Fluor<sup>®</sup> 488 (sc-28306 AF488), Alexa Fluor<sup>®</sup> 546 (sc-28306 AF546), Alexa Fluor<sup>®</sup> 594 (sc-28306 AF594) or Alexa Fluor<sup>®</sup> 647 (sc-28306 AF647), 200 μg/ml, for WB (RGB), IF, IHC(P) and FCM; and to either Alexa Fluor<sup>®</sup> 680 (sc-28306 AF680) or Alexa Fluor<sup>®</sup> 790 (sc-28306 AF790), 200 μg/ml, for Near-Infrared (NIR) WB, IF and FCM.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

 $\alpha$ A-crystallin (B-2) is recommended for detection of  $\alpha$ A-crystallin of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:100, dilution range 1:100-1:10,000), immunoprecipitation [1-2 µg per 100-500 µg of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)], 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); may cross-reactive with  $\alpha$ B-crystallin.

Suitable for use as control antibody for  $\alpha$ A-crystallin siRNA (h): sc-40430,  $\alpha$ A-crystallin siRNA (m): sc-40431,  $\alpha$ A-crystallin shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-40430-SH,  $\alpha$ A-crystallin shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-40431-SH,  $\alpha$ A-crystallin shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-40430-V and  $\alpha$ A-crystallin shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-40431-V.

## STORAGE

Store at 4° C, \*\*DO NOT FREEZE\*\*. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

## DATA





 $\alpha$ A-crystallin (B-2): sc-28306. Western blot analysis of  $\alpha$ A-crystallin expression in HeLa (**A**) and SH-SYSY (**B**) whole cell lysates and human spinal cord tissue extract (**C**).

 $\alpha A$ -crystallin (B-2): sc-28306. Immunofluorescence staining of methanol-fixed Y79 cells showing cytoplasmic localization (A,B).

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#### **RESEARCH USE**

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

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Molecular Weight of  $\alpha$ A-crystallin: 20 kDa.