

# $\alpha$ -2M (H-60): sc-28870

## BACKGROUND

$\alpha$ -2Macroglobulin ( $\alpha$ -2M) is a homotetrameric serum protein consisting of four identical subunits that form dimers through disulfide bonds. Initially,  $\alpha$ -2M was characterized as a pan-proteinase inhibitor that was able to "bait" proteinases into cleaving specific peptide sequences on  $\alpha$ -2M. This interaction induces a conformational change in  $\alpha$ -2M, thus enabling it to "trap" the proteinase and inhibit its further activity. Subsequently,  $\alpha$ -2M has also been shown to function as a carrier protein and regulator of cytokines during inflammation. Circulating transforming growth factor  $\beta$  (TGF $\beta$ ) in serum is primarily bound to  $\alpha$ -2M, which renders TGF $\beta$  inactive.  $\alpha$ -2M also binds to IL-6 and, thereby, increases the concentration of IL-6 near lymphocytes, hepatocytes and stem cells involved in mediating the inflammatory cascade. Mutations and deletions in the gene encoding  $\alpha$ -2M are associated with an increased incidence of Alzheimer's Disease (AD), which is consistent with the role of  $\alpha$ -2M in mediating the clearance and degradation of A  $\beta$ , the major component of  $\beta$ -Amyloid deposits accumulated during AD.

## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: A2M (human) mapping to 12p13.31; A2m (mouse) mapping to 6 F1.

## SOURCE

$\alpha$ -2M (H-60) is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against amino acids 161-220 mapping near the N-terminus of  $\alpha$ -2M 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.

## STORAGE

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

## APPLICATIONS

$\alpha$ -2M (H-60) is recommended for detection of  $\alpha$ -2M of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2  $\mu$ g per 100-500  $\mu$ g 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).

$\alpha$ -2M (H-60) is also recommended for detection of  $\alpha$ -2M in additional species, including canine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for  $\alpha$ -2M siRNA (h): sc-40297,  $\alpha$ -2M siRNA (m): sc-40298,  $\alpha$ -2M shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-40297-SH,  $\alpha$ -2M shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-40298-SH,  $\alpha$ -2M shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-40297-V and  $\alpha$ -2M shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-40298-V.

Molecular Weight of  $\alpha$ -2M tetrameric protein: 718 kDa.

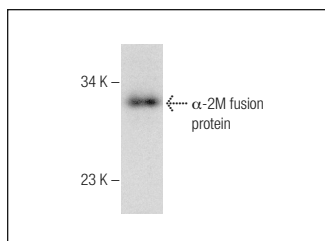
Molecular Weight of  $\alpha$ -2M subunit: 185 kDa.

Positive Controls: Jurkat whole cell lysate: sc-2204.

## RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2004 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2030 (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) Immunoprecipitation: use Protein A/G PLUS-Agarose: sc-2003 (0.5 ml agarose/ 2.0 ml). 3) Immunofluorescence: use goat anti-rabbit IgG-FITC: sc-2012 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-rabbit IgG-TR: sc-2780 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

## DATA



$\alpha$ -2M (H-60): sc-28870. Western blot analysis of human recombinant  $\alpha$ -2M fusion protein.

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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