

# Calpain 1 (K-17): sc-31065

## BACKGROUND

Calpain 1, also designated  $\mu$ -calpain, is an intracellular calcium-dependent protease that cleaves cytoskeletal and submembranous proteins. Calpains are nonlysosomal, calcium-activated intracellular cysteine proteases. Calpains mediate specific  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -dependent processes including cell fusion, mitosis and meiosis. Calpains are heterodimers of a small regulatory subunit and one of three large catalytic subunits, designated Calpain 1, Calpain 2 and Calpain p94. Calpastatin regulates calpain by inhibiting both the proteolytic activity of Calpain and its binding to membranes. Calpastatin exists in two types, tissue type and erythrocyte type, resulting from both alternative splicing and proteolytic processing. Calpain 1 co-localizes with human leukocyte antigen-DR (HLA-DR) on activated microglia in the aging brain. Calpain influences the process of spermatogenesis and the events preceding fertilization, such as the acrosome reaction.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CAPN1 (human) mapping to 11q13.1; Capn1 (mouse) mapping to 19 A.

## SOURCE

Calpain 1 (K-17) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping near the C-terminus of Calpain 1 of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu\text{g}$  IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-31065 P, (100  $\mu\text{g}$  peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## APPLICATIONS

Calpain 1 (K-17) is recommended for detection of Calpain 1 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).

Calpain 1 (K-17) is also recommended for detection of Calpain 1 in additional species, including equine, canine and bovine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for Calpain 1 siRNA (h): sc-29885, Calpain 1 siRNA (m): sc-29886, Calpain 1 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-29885-SH, Calpain 1 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-29886-SH, Calpain 1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-29885-V and Calpain 1 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-29886-V.

Molecular Weight of Calpain 1 large subunit: 80 kDa.

Molecular Weight of Calpain 1 small subunit: 30 kDa.

Positive Controls: HeLa whole cell lysate: sc-2200, TF-1 cell lysate: sc-2412 or K-562 whole cell lysate: sc-2203.

## 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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