

# Na<sup>+</sup> CP type II $\alpha$ (D-17): sc-31373

## BACKGROUND

Voltage-gated sodium channels are selective ion channels that regulate the permeability of sodium ions in excitable cells. During the propagation of an action potential, sodium channels allow an influx of sodium ions, which rapidly depolarize the cell. The three glycoproteins that comprise the voltage-gated sodium channel proteins include a pore-forming  $\alpha$  subunit, a non-covalently associated  $\beta$ 1 subunit and a disulfide-linked  $\beta$ 2 subunit. The two  $\beta$  subunits regulate the level of channel expression, modulate gating and function as cell adhesion molecules for cellular aggregation and cytoskeleton interaction. The  $\alpha$  subunits of sodium channels type I and III are predominantly expressed in neuronal cell bodies and proximal processes, while type II $\alpha$  subunits are more abundant along axons. The  $\beta$ 1 subunit of sodium channel type I is expressed in brain, skeletal and cardiac muscle. In the brain,  $\beta$ 1 and  $\beta$ 2 are highly expressed in Purkinje cells, and  $\beta$ 1 is also expressed in the pyramidal cells of the deep cerebellar nuclei. Impaired voltage-gated sodium channels lead to a number of diseases including myotonia.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: SCN2A/SCN3A (human) mapping to 2q24.3; Scn2a/Scn3a (mouse) mapping to 2 C1.3.

## SOURCE

Na<sup>+</sup> CP type II $\alpha$  (D-17) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping near the C-terminus of Na<sup>+</sup> CP type II $\alpha$  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-31373 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## APPLICATIONS

Na<sup>+</sup> CP type II $\alpha$  (D-17) is recommended for detection of sodium channel type II $\alpha$  and, to a lesser extent, sodium channel type III $\alpha$  of human and, to a lesser extent, mouse and rat 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).

Na<sup>+</sup> CP type II $\alpha$  (D-17) is also recommended for detection of sodium channel type II $\alpha$  and, to a lesser extent, sodium channel type III $\alpha$  in additional species, including equine, canine, bovine and porcine.

Positive Controls: mouse brain extract: sc-2253.

## 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<sup>™</sup> compatible donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2033 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker<sup>™</sup> 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<sup>™</sup> 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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