## BACKGROUND

Pro-opiomelanocortin (POMC) is a precursor hormone of the pituitary gland that undergoes enzymatic cleavage to yield active ligands for melanocortin receptors. These peptides include adrenocorticotropin (ACTH), corticotropinlike intermediate lobe peptide (CLIP), melanotropins ( $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$-MSH), lipotropin $\beta$ ( $\beta$-LPH), Lipotropin $\gamma(\gamma-$ LPH $)$ and endorphins. ACTH stimulates the adrenal glands to release cortisol and is produced by the pituitary gland. MSH (mela-nocyte-stimulating hormone) is also produced by the pituitary gland and functions by increasing skin pigmentation by increasing melanocyte melanin production. Defects in the POMC gene may cause a genetic predisposition to obesity. Lipotropin $\gamma$, also known as $\gamma-$ LPH, is a 56 amino acid active peptide which is the $N$-terminal peptide fragment of Lipotropin $\beta$. Lipotropin $\beta$ stimulates melanocytes to produce melanin.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: POMC (human) mapping to 2p23.3; Pomc (mouse) mapping to 12 A1.1.

## SOURCE

Lipotropin $\gamma(\mathrm{E}-19)$ is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping near the C -terminus of POMC of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains $200 \mu \mathrm{ggG}$ in 1.0 ml of PBS with $<0.1 \%$ sodium azide and $0.1 \%$ gelatin.
Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-33036 P, ( $100 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing $<0.1 \%$ sodium azide and $0.2 \% \mathrm{BSA})$.

## STORAGE

Store at $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, **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.

## APPLICATIONS

Lipotropin $\gamma(\mathrm{E}-19)$ is recommended for detection of POMC and the processed active peptide Lipotropin $\gamma$ of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation $[1-2 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ per 100-500 $\mu \mathrm{g}$ 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 1:301:3000).

Suitable for use as control antibody for POMC siRNA (h): sc-37277, POMC siRNA (m): sc-37278, POMC shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-37277-SH, POMC shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-37278-SH, POMC shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-37277-V and POMC shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-37278-V.
Molecular Weight of POMC precursor: 30 kDa .
Molecular Weight of Lipotropin $\gamma$ : 5 kDa .
Positive Controls: POMC (h): 293T Lysate: sc-111490.

## 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) Immunoprecipitation: use Protein A/G PLUS-Agarose: sc-2003 ( 0.5 ml agarose/2.0 ml). 3) 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 ${ }^{\text {™ }}$ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

## DATA



Lipotropin $\gamma$ (E-19): sc-33036. Western blot analysis of POMC expression in non-transfected: sc-117750 (A) and human POMC transfected: sc-111490 (B) whole cell lysates.

## PROTOCOLS

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