

# MaxiK $\beta$ (FL-191): sc-33608

## BACKGROUND

The KCNMB1 gene, located on chromosome 5q35.1, contains 4 exons and encodes the 191 amino-acid protein MaxiK $\beta$  subunit 1 (also designated calcium-activated potassium channel  $\beta$  subunit, BK channel  $\beta$  subunit, Slo- $\beta$  and KVCA $\beta$ ). MaxiK $\beta$  subunit 1 consists of two putative transmembrane domains, an extracellular loop containing three consensus sequences for N-linked glycosylation and four cysteine residues that might form disulfide bridges. One of four subunits in the MaxiK $\beta$  family, MaxiK $\beta$  subunit 1 is expressed predominately in smooth muscle tissue but is also found in brain, liver and lymphatic tissues. MaxiK $\beta$  subunit 1 associates with MaxiK $\alpha$  to form a calcium-activated potassium channel (also designated MaxiK and BK channel) and increases the sensitivity of the MaxiK $\alpha$  to calcium and voltage. The  $\alpha/\beta$ 1 channel is the most sensitive of all Maxi channels to calcium. MaxiK $\beta$  plays an important role in vasoregulation by controlling the sensitivity of MaxiK channels to calcium, which leads to the proper amount of arterial relaxation.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: KCNMB1 (human) mapping to 5q35.1; Kcnmb1 (mouse) mapping to 11 A4.

## SOURCE

MaxiK $\beta$  (FL-191) is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against amino acids 1-191 representing full length MaxiK $\beta$  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.

## PROTOCOLS

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## APPLICATIONS

MaxiK $\beta$  (FL-191) is recommended for detection of MaxiK $\beta$  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).

MaxiK $\beta$  (FL-191) is also recommended for detection of MaxiK $\beta$  in additional species, including equine, canine, bovine and porcine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for MaxiK $\beta$  siRNA (h): sc-42513, MaxiK $\beta$  siRNA (m): sc-42514, MaxiK $\beta$  shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-42513-SH, MaxiK $\beta$  shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-42514-SH, MaxiK $\beta$  shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-42513-V and MaxiK $\beta$  shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-42514-V.

Molecular Weight of MaxiK $\beta$  isoforms 1/2: 22/15 kDa.

Molecular Weight of glycosylated MaxiK $\beta$ : 26-37 kDa.

Positive Control: HISM cell lysate: sc-2229.

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## RESEARCH USE

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