# CASPR (A-3): sc-374489



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#### **BACKGROUND**

Neurexins comprise a family of neuronal cell surface proteins, which include neurexin I (NRXN1), neurexin II (NRXN2), neurexin III (NRXN3) and CASPR (neurexin IV). Neurexins I-III are expressed as  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  isoforms. The  $\alpha$  isoforms are made of three cassettes, which contain two LNS (laminin A, neurexins, sex hormone-binding)-domains separated by EGF domains, followed by a transmembrane region and a 55 amino acid cytoplasmic C-terminal. The  $\alpha$ isoforms bind to neurexophilins at the second LNS site, and to the excitatory neurotoxin  $\alpha$ -latrotoxin. The  $\beta$  isoforms have only one LNS-domain, bind to neuroligins and play a role in the formation and remodeling of synapses. CASPR (for contactin-associated protein 1, also designated paranodin in mouse), contains an extracellular domain similar to the other three neurexins, and binds to the surface glycoprotein contactin. CASPR and the closely related CASPR2, a mammalian homolog of Drosophila neurexin IV (Nrx-IV), demarcate distinct subdomains in myelinated axons. Specifically, CASPR exists at the paranodal junctions, while CASPR2 co-localizes with Shaker-like K+ channels in the juxtaparanodal region. CASPR may play a role in the communication of glial cells and neurons during development.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CNTNAP1 (human) mapping to 17q21.2; Cntnap1 (mouse) mapping to 11 D.

# **SOURCE**

CASPR (A-3) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against amino acids 1251-1316 of CASPR of human origin.

## **PRODUCT**

Each vial contains 200  $\mu g$   $lgG_{2b}$  kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

CASPR (A-3) is available conjugated to agarose (sc-374489 AC), 500  $\mu$ g/ 0.25 ml agarose in 1 ml, for IP; to HRP (sc-374489 HRP), 200  $\mu$ g/ml, for WB, IHC(P) and ELISA; to either phycoerythrin (sc-374489 PE), fluorescein (sc-374489 FITC), Alexa Fluor® 488 (sc-374489 AF488), Alexa Fluor® 546 (sc-374489 AF546), Alexa Fluor® 594 (sc-374489 AF594) or Alexa Fluor® 647 (sc-374489 AF647), 200  $\mu$ g/ml, for WB (RGB), IF, IHC(P) and FCM; and to either Alexa Fluor® 680 (sc-374489 AF680) or Alexa Fluor® 790 (sc-374489 AF790), 200  $\mu$ g/ml, for Near-Infrared (NIR) WB, IF and FCM.

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#### **APPLICATIONS**

CASPR (A-3) is recommended for detection of CASPR of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:100, 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), immunohistochemistry (including paraffin-embedded sections) (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

Suitable for use as control antibody for CASPR siRNA (h): sc-41915, CASPR siRNA (m): sc-41916, CASPR shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-41915-SH, CASPR shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-41916-SH, CASPR shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-41915-V and CASPR shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-41916-V.

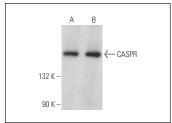
Molecular Weight of CASPR: 165 kDa.

Positive Controls: mouse brain extract: sc-2253, rat brain extract: sc-2392 or human brain extract: sc-364375.

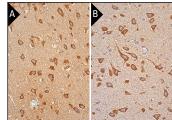
## **RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS**

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use m-lgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-lgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker<sup>TM</sup> Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz® Blocking Reagent: sc-516214 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 m-lgG $\kappa$  BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-lgG $\kappa$  BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz® Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz® Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850. 4) Immunohistochemistry: use m-lgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP: sc-516102 with DAB, 50X: sc-24982 and Immunohistomount: sc-45086, or Organo/Limonene Mount: sc-45087.

## **DATA**



CASPR (A-3): sc-374489. Western blot analysis of CASPR expression in human brain (**A**) and rat brain (**B**) tissue extracts



CASPR (A-3): sc-374489. Immunoperoxidase staining of formalin fixed, paraffin-embedded mouse brain tissue showing cytoplasmic staining of neuronal cells, glial cells and endothelial cells (A). Immunoperoxidase staining of formalin fixed, paraffin-embedded rat brain tissue showing cytoplasmic staining of neuronal cells and glial cells (B).

# **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.