

# nicastrin (D-1): sc-376379

## BACKGROUND

The Presenilin 1 (PS1) and Presenilin 2 (PS2) transmembrane proteins are components of high molecular weight complexes. These complexes mediate proteolytic cleavage within the transmembrane domain of several proteins, including the  $\beta$ -Amyloid precursor protein ( $\beta$ APP) and Notch. Missense mutations in the genes encoding the Presenilin proteins increase the proteolysis of  $\beta$ APP and results in the overproduction of the neurotoxic  $\beta$ -Amyloid peptide, which results in a condition associated with Familial Alzheimer's disease (FAD). A novel component of the presenilin complex, nicastrin, is a type I transmembrane glycoprotein that is involved in mediating Notch/GLP-1 signaling. In addition, nicastrin contributes to the processing of  $\beta$ APP, which makes nicastrin an attractive potential target for modulating the production of  $\beta$ -Amyloid in patients with Alzheimer's disease. Originally purified from immunoprecipitated PS1 complexes from HEK293 cells, nicastrin contains hydrophilic amino and carboxy-terminal domains, a short, hydrophobic transmembrane domain and potential N-myristoylation and phosphorylation sites.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: NCSTN (human) mapping to 1q23.2; Ncstn (mouse) mapping to 1 H3.

## SOURCE

nicastrin (D-1) is a mouse monoclonal antibody specific for an epitope mapping between amino acids 23-59 near the N-terminus of nicastrin of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgG<sub>2a</sub> kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-376379 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% stabilizer protein).

## APPLICATIONS

nicastrin (D-1) is recommended for detection of nicastrin 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) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

Suitable for use as control antibody for nicastrin siRNA (h): sc-36063, nicastrin siRNA (m): sc-36064, nicastrin shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-36063-SH, nicastrin shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-36064-SH, nicastrin shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-36063-V and nicastrin shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-36064-V.

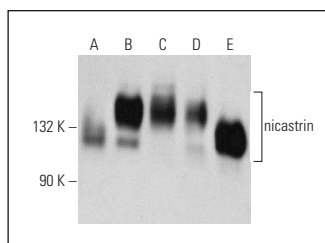
Molecular Weight of nicastrin: 110/150 kDa.

Positive Controls: HeLa whole cell lysate: sc-2200, RAW 264.7 whole cell lysate: sc-2211 or SK-N-SH cell lysate: sc-2410.

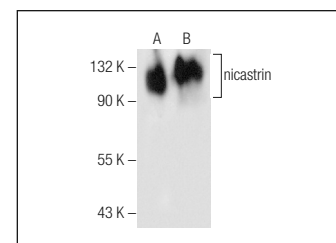
## RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker™ 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-IgG $\kappa$  BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz® Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz® Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## DATA



nicastrin (D-1): sc-376379. Western blot analysis of nicastrin expression in SHP-77 (A), RAW 264.7 (B), AMJ2-C8 (C), KNRK (D) and A-10 (E) whole cell lysates.



nicastrin (D-1): sc-376379. Western blot analysis of nicastrin expression in SK-N-SH (A) and HeLa (B) whole cell lysates.

## 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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