



PrP (1-253): sc-4508 WB

BACKGROUND

Prion diseases or transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) are manifested as genetic, infectious or sporadic, lethal neurodegenerative disorders involving alterations of the prion protein (PrP). Characteristic of prion diseases, cellular PrP (PrP^c) is converted to the disease form, PrP^{Sc}, through alterations in the protein folding conformations. PrP^c is constitutively expressed in normal adult brain and is sensitive to proteinase K digestion, while the altered PrP^{Sc} conformation is resistant to proteases, resulting in a distinct molecular mass after PK treatment. Consistent with the transient infection process of prion diseases, incubation of PrP^c with PrP^{Sc} both *in vitro* and *in vivo* produces PrP^{Sc} that is resistant to protease degradation. Infectious PrP^{Sc} is found at high levels in the brains of animals affected by TSEs, including scrapie in sheep, BSE in cattle and Cruetzfeldt-Jacob disease in humans.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: PRNP (human) mapping to 20p13; Prnp (mouse) mapping to 2 F2.

SOURCE

PrP (1-253) is expressed in *E. coli* as a 55 kDa tagged fusion protein corresponding to amino acids 1-253 of full length Prion protein of human origin.

PRODUCT

PrP (1-253) is purified from bacterial lysates (>98%) by column chromatography; supplied as 10 μ g protein in 0.1 ml SDS-PAGE loading buffer.

APPLICATIONS

PrP (1-253) is suitable as a Western blotting control for sc-7693 and sc-15312.

STORAGE

Store at -20° C; stable for one year from the date of shipment.

RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.