

GCN2 (P-13): sc-46341

BACKGROUND

The family of stress-responsive protein kinases include HRI (heme-regulated inhibitor or EIF2AK1), PKR (EIF2AK2 or TIK), PERK (EIF2AK3) and GCN2 (EIF2AK4). These proteins phosphorylate the eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2 α (eIF2 α) on Ser 51 to regulate general and gene-specific protein synthesis. Phosphorylated eIF2 α acts as an inhibitor of its guanine nucleotide exchange factor eIF2B. GCN2, a unique eIF2 α kinase, exists in all eukaryotes from yeast to mammals. In mammals, expression of GCN2 is highest in liver and brain tissues. GCN2 primarily initiates the phosphorylation of eIF2 α in response to UV, but has been shown to increase phosphorylation activity in response to serum starvation. Also, substitution of Asp 83 for Ala on eIF2 α results in impaired phosphorylation by GCN2 and PKR, suggesting a contribution of remote residues to kinase-substrate recognition.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: EIF2AK4 (human) mapping to 15q15.1; Eif2ak4 (mouse) mapping to 2 E5.

SOURCE

GCN2 (P-13) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping near the N-terminus of GCN2 of human origin.

PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200 μ g IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-46341 P, (100 μ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

STORAGE

Store at 4 $^{\circ}$ C, **DO NOT FREEZE**. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

APPLICATIONS

GCN2 (P-13) is recommended for detection of GCN2 of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2 μ g per 100-500 μ 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 GCN2 siRNA (h): sc-45644, GCN2 siRNA (m): sc-45645, GCN2 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-45644-SH, GCN2 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-45645-SH, GCN2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-45644-V and GCN2 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-45645-V.

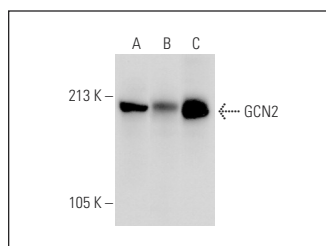
Molecular Weight of hyperphosphorylated GCN2: 150-206 kDa.

Positive Controls: GCN2 (h): 293T Lysate: sc-128701, HeLa whole cell lysate: sc-2200 or IMR-32 cell lysate: sc-2409.

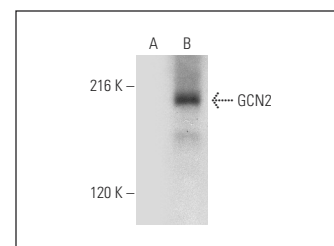
RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS

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 MarkerTM compatible donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2033 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz MarkerTM 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 UltraCruzTM Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

DATA



GCN2 (P-13): sc-46341. Western blot analysis of GCN2 expression in MES-SA/Dx5 (A), IMR-32 (B) and HeLa (C) whole cell lysates.



GCN2 (P-13): sc-46341. Western blot analysis of GCN2 expression in non-transfected: sc-117752 (A) and human GCN2 transfected: sc-128701 (B) 293T whole cell lysates.

RESEARCH USE

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PROTOCOLS

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