



# encephalopsin (N-12): sc-46582

## BACKGROUND

Encephalopsin is the first putative extraocular opsin identified in mammals and may play a role in encephalic photoreception. Also designated panopsin, encephalopsin may play a role in non-visual photic processes such as the entrainment of circadian rhythm or the regulation of pineal melatonin production. Encephalopsin shows strong and specific expression in the brain. In the cortex and cerebellum, encephalopsin expression is considerably higher and more highly patterned in the adult than in the neonate. In addition to encephalopsin, other classical visual opsins Rgr-opsin, peropsin and melanopsin are all expressed in fetal development by E11.5, unlike the murine rod and cone opsins that exhibit post-natal expression, such as P1 for ultraviolet cone opsin and P5 for rod opsin.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: OPN3 (human) mapping to 1q43; Opn3 (mouse) mapping to 1 H3.

## SOURCE

encephalopsin (N-12) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping near the N-terminus of encephalopsin of human origin.

## PRODUCT

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

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-46582 P, (100 µg peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## 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

See our web site at [www.scbt.com](http://www.scbt.com) or our catalog for detailed protocols and support products.

## APPLICATIONS

encephalopsin (N-12) is recommended for detection of encephalopsin of mouse and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), 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 encephalopsin siRNA (h): sc-45989 and encephalopsin siRNA (m): sc-45990.

## 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 Marker™ compatible donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2033 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) 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 UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.