

# Contactin 1 (H-40): sc-50429

## BACKGROUND

Changes in synaptic efficacy can mediate crucial processes during learning and memory formation. Accumulating evidence implicates cell adhesion molecules in activity-dependent synaptic modifications associated with paired-pulse facilitation (PPF), long-term potentiation (LTP) and long-term depression (LTD). Among the cell adhesion molecules involved in these processes are the contactins. Contactins are immunoglobulin superfamily members that play a selective role in synaptic plasticity, PPF and LTD, and may regulate cell-cell interactions contributing to synaptic plasticity in conjunction with other synapse targeting molecules, including paranodin and phosphacan. In addition, contactins are essential components that control expression and distribution of Na<sup>+</sup> channels in neurons, junctional attachment at the paranode, and ultimately the physiology of the myelinated nerve. The human Contactin 1 gene encodes a 1,018 amino acid protein. The human Contactin 3 gene encodes a 646 amino acid plasmacytoma-associated neuronal glycoprotein. The human Contactin 5 gene encodes a 1,100 amino acid neural adhesion molecule. The human Contactin 6 gene encodes a 1,028 amino acid neural adhesion molecule.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CNTN1 (human) mapping to 12q12; Cntn1 (mouse) mapping to 15 E3.

## SOURCE

Contactin 1 (H-40) is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against amino acids 116-155 mapping near the N-terminus of contactin 1 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.

## APPLICATIONS

Contactin 1 (H-40) is recommended for detection of Contactin 1 of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2 µg per 100-500 µg 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).

Contactin 1 (H-40) is also recommended for detection of Contactin 1 in additional species, including equine, canine, bovine and porcine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for Contactin 1 siRNA (h): sc-43695, Contactin 1 siRNA (m): sc-43086, Contactin 1 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43695-SH, Contactin 1 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-43086-SH, Contactin 1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43695-V and Contactin 1 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43086-V.

Molecular Weight of Contactin 1: 135 kDa.

Positive Controls: mouse brain extract: sc-2253.

## RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2004 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2030 (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) Immunoprecipitation: use Protein A/G PLUS-Agarose: sc-2003 (0.5 ml agarose/2.0 ml). 3) Immunofluorescence: use goat anti-rabbit IgG-FITC: sc-2012 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-rabbit IgG-TR: sc-2780 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

## 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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