

α -lactalbumin (T-20): sc-51457

BACKGROUND

α -lactalbumin is the B protein of lactose synthetase secreted by the mammary epithelial cells. It is a potent Ca^{2+} -elevating and apoptosis-inducing agent with broad, yet selective, cytotoxic activity. Multimeric α -lactalbumin has been shown to kill all transformed, embryonic and lymphoid cells tested, but not mature epithelial elements. This suggests that milk contributes to mucosal immunity not only by furnishing antimicrobial molecules but also by policing the function of lymphocytes and epithelium. α -lactalbumin may be helpful in discovering the site of origin of metastatic breast tumors. Human lactalbumin contains 123 amino acid residues. Comparison of the 5' flanking sequences of the two α -lactalbumin genes with those of five casein genes reveals the presence of a highly conserved region extending from position-140 to -110 in all seven sequences examined, suggesting a possible regulatory role in the hormonal control or tissue-specific expression of milk protein genes in the mammary gland.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: LALBA (human) mapping to 12q13.11; Lalba (mouse) mapping to 15 F1.

RESEARCH USE

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

SOURCE

α -lactalbumin (T-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping within an internal region of α -lactalbumin 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-51457 P, (100 μg peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

APPLICATIONS

α -lactalbumin (T-20) is recommended for detection of α -lactalbumin of mouse, rat 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).

α -lactalbumin (T-20) is also recommended for detection of α -lactalbumin in additional species, including bovine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for α -lactalbumin siRNA (h): sc-72407, α -lactalbumin siRNA (m): sc-72408, α -lactalbumin shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-72407-SH, α -lactalbumin shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-72408-SH, α -lactalbumin shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-72407-V and α -lactalbumin shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-72408-V.

Molecular Weight of α -lactalbumin: 14.1 kDa.

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.

STORAGE

Store at 4° C, **DO NOT FREEZE**. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

PROTOCOLS

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