

urocortin II (C-16): sc-54449

BACKGROUND

Urocortins I, II and III are the mammalian homologs of fish urotensin I. Mammalian urocortin is a member of the corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH) family that is expressed in a region of the rat midbrain. The distinct expression pattern in discrete brain regions suggests that it influences such behavior as feeding, anxiety, and auditory processing. Synthetic human urocortin binds with high affinity to CRH receptors and acts *in vitro* to release ACTH from dispersed rat anterior pituitary cells. It is suggested that urocortin may be an endogenous CRF-like factor in the brain responsible for the effects of stress on appetite. The gene which encodes urocortin maps to human chromosome 2. Specifically, urocortin III is a specific ligand for CRF type 2 receptor which mediates stress-coping responses. Human urocortin I and III are expressed in the human heart. Urocortin III is also expressed in the pituitary gland, adrenal gland, GI tract, ovary, spleen, brain and kidney.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: UCN2 (human) mapping to 3p21.3.

SOURCE

urocortin II (C-16) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping at the C-terminus of urocortin II 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-54449 P, (100 µg peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

RESEARCH USE

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

APPLICATIONS

urocortin II (C-16) is recommended for detection of urocortin II of 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 urocortin II siRNA (h): sc-106676, urocortin II shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-106676-SH and urocortin II shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-106676-V.

Molecular Weight of urocortin II: 18 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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