

# $\beta$ -endorphin (2Q2194): sc-71044

## BACKGROUND

POMC (pro-opiomelanocortin), also known as corticotropin-lipotropin, is a 267 amino acid polypeptide hormone precursor that goes through extensive, tissue-specific posttranslational processing by prohormone convertases. POMC is cleaved into ten hormone chains named NPP,  $\gamma$ -MSH, ACTH,  $\alpha$ -MSH, CLIP (corticotropin-like intermediary peptide), Lipotropin  $\beta$ , Lipotropin  $\gamma$ ,  $\beta$ -MSH,  $\beta$  endorphin and Met-enkephalin. Defects in the gene that encodes POMC are the cause of POMC deficiency, which is characterized by red hair and adrenal insufficiency. Mutations in the POMC gene have also been linked to susceptibility to obesity.  $\beta$ -endorphin is a 31 amino acid active peptide that is expressed primarily in neurons of the hypothalamus and in pituitary gland.  $\beta$ -endorphin, along with the active peptide Met-enkephalin, acts as an opioid neurotransmitter.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: POMC (human) mapping to 2p23.3.

## SOURCE

$\beta$ -endorphin (2Q2194) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against  $\beta$ -endorphin of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 100  $\mu$ g IgG<sub>1</sub> in 1.0 ml PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

## STORAGE

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

## APPLICATIONS

$\beta$ -endorphin (2Q2194) is recommended for detection of POMC and the processed active peptide  $\beta$ -endorphin of human origin by immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and immunohistochemistry (including paraffin-embedded sections) (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

Suitable for use as control antibody for POMC siRNA (h): sc-37277, POMC shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-37277-SH and POMC shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-37277-V.

Molecular Weight of POMC precursor: 30 kDa.

Molecular Weight of  $\beta$ -endorphin: 3 kDa.

## RESEARCH USE

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

## PROTOCOLS

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