

CIITA (N-20): sc-9867

BACKGROUND

The mounting of an immune response and CD4 T cell development in vertebrates require the expression of major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class II molecules. MHC class II molecules are heterodimeric cell surface glycoproteins expressed on B cells, macrophages and dendritic cells, which present antigens to CD4⁺ T cells. CIITA (class II transactivator) acts as a coactivator for MHC class II-specific gene expression and negatively regulates the IL-4 gene promoter during T cell differentiation. IFN- γ induces CIITA gene expression via JAK1 and Stat1 pathways. The GTP-binding and acidic, proline-serine-threonine-rich regions appear to be required for CIITA activity. RFX-B (also designated RFXANK and Tvl-1) is the smallest subunit of the RFX complex, which is also required for MHC class II-specific gene transcription. RFX-B contains three ankyrin-repeats that may allow protein-protein interactions between RFX-B and other RFX subunits, and possibly with CIITA and NF- κ B. Defects of CIITA and RFX-B have been implicated as causes of bare lymphocyte syndrome (BLS), which is characterized by the absence of MHC class II transcription and severe immunodeficiencies.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CIITA (human) mapping to 16p13.13.

SOURCE

CIITA (N-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping at the N-terminus of CIITA of human origin.

PRODUCT

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

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-9867 P, (100 μ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

Available as TransCruz reagent for Gel Supershift and ChIP applications, sc-9867 X, 200 μ g/0.1 ml.

STORAGE

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

APPLICATIONS

CIITA (N-20) is recommended for detection of CIITA 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 CIITA siRNA (h): sc-37739, CIITA shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-37739-SH and CIITA shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-37739-V.

CIITA (N-20) X TransCruz antibody is recommended for Gel Supershift and ChIP applications.

Molecular Weight of CIITA: 130 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.

SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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RESEARCH USE

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



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sc-376174, our highly recommended monoclonal alternatives to CIITA (N-20). Also, for AC, HRP, FITC, PE, Alexa Fluor® 488 and Alexa Fluor® 647 conjugates, see **CIITA (7-1H): sc-13556**.