**BACKGROUND**

Spectrin, an actin binding protein that is a major component of the cytoskeletal superstructure of the erythrocyte plasma membrane, is essential in determining the properties of the membrane, including its shape and deformability. Spectrins function as membrane organizers and stabilizers, composed of nonhomologous α and β chains, which aggregate side-to-side in an antiparallel fashion to form dimers, tetramers and higher polymers. Spectrin α I and spectrin β I are present in erythrocytes, whereas spectrin α II (also designated fodrin α) and spectrin β II (also designated fodrin β) are present in other somatic cells. The spectrin tetramers in erythrocytes act as barriers to lateral diffusion, but spectrin dimers seem to lack this function. Activation of calpain results in the breakdown of spectrin α II, a neuronal cytoskeleton protein.

**REFERENCES**


**CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: SPTB (human) mapping to 14q23.3; Spnb1 (mouse) mapping to 12 C3.

**SOURCE**

spectrin β I (A-12) is a mouse monoclonal antibody specific for an epitope mapping between amino acids 2111-2137 at the C-terminus of spectrin β I of human origin.

**PRODUCT**

Each vial contains 200 µg IgG κ kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-374308 P, (100 µg peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% stabilizer protein).

**RESEARCH USE**

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

**APPLICATIONS**

spectrin β I (A-12) is recommended for detection of spectrin β I of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:100, 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).

Suitable for use as control antibody for spectrin β I siRNA (h): sc-36547, spectrin β I siRNA (m): sc-36548, spectrin β I shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-36547-SH, spectrin β I shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-36548-SH, spectrin β I shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-36547-V and spectrin β I shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-36548-V.

Molecular Weight (predicted) of spectrin β I: 246 kDa.

Molecular Weight (observed) of spectrin β I: 188-277 kDa.

Positive Controls: HEL 92.1.7 cell lysate: sc-2270, rat heart extract: sc-2393 or TF-1 cell lysate: sc-2412.

**RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS**

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use m-IgG κ BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgG κ BP-HRP (Cruz Marker); sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), 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 m-IgGκ BP-RTIC: sc-516140 or m-IgGκ BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz® Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz® Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

**DATA**

spectrin β I (A-12): sc-374308. Western blot analysis of spectrin β I expression in HEL 92.1.7 whole cell lysate.

spectrin β I (A-12): sc-374308. Western blot analysis of spectrin β I expression in TF-1 whole cell lysate.

**STORAGE**

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

**PROTOCOLS**

See our web site at www.scbt.com for detailed protocols and support products.