**BACKGROUND**

BECN1 (Beclin 1) is a coiled-coil protein that has been implicated as an inhibitor of tumorigenesis. BECN1, which associates with Bcl-2, plays a significant role in autophagy. Autophagy is the degradation of cellular proteins in the lysosomes, and when this pathway is suppressed, cell growth is deregulated. Autophagy is controlled by the same signal transduction pathway that induces the phosphorylation of the ribosomal protein S6, and both are mediated via amino acids. BECN1 expression in various carcinoma cell lines, such as MCF7, is low, whereas it is ubiquitously expressed in normal breast tissue. In transfected MCF7 cells, BECN1 complements autophagocytosis and, subsequently, inhibits cellular proliferation. Additionally, BECN1 shares structural similarity to the yeast autophagy gene product, APG6, and was one of the first mammalian proteins discovered to mediate autophagy.

**CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: BECN1 (human) mapping to 17q21.31; Becn1 (mouse) mapping to 11 D.

**SOURCE**

BECN1 (E-8) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against amino acids 1-300 of BECN1 of human origin.

**PRODUCT**

Each vial contains 200 µg IgG2a kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with <0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

BECN1 (E-8) is available conjugated to agarose (sc-48341 AC), 500 µg/0.25 ml agarose in 1 ml, for IP; to HRP (sc-48341 HRP), 200 µg/ml, for WB, IHC(P) and ELISA; and to either phycoerythrin (sc-48341 PE), fluorescein (sc-48341 FITC), Alexa Fluor® 488 (sc-48341 AF488) or Alexa Fluor® 647 (sc-48341 AF647), 200 µg/ml, for IF, IHC(P) and FCM.

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**APPLICATIONS**

BECN1 (E-8) is recommended for detection of BECN1 of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:100, dilution range 1:100-1:3000), 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 BECN1 siRNA (h): sc-29797, BECN1 siRNA (m): sc-29798, BECN1 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-29797-SH, BECN1 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-29798-SH, BECN1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-29797-V and BECN1 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-29798-V.

Molecular Weight of BECN1: 60 kDa.

Positive Controls: HeLa whole cell lysate: sc-2200, A-431 whole cell lysate: sc-2201 or MCF7 whole cell lysate: sc-2206.

**RESEARCH USE**

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

**STORAGE**

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

**DATA**

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**PROTOCOLS**

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