# IFN- $\alpha$ 2 (MT4/E4): sc-53342



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#### **BACKGROUND**

The genes encoding type I interferons (IFNs), which include 14 IFN- $\alpha$  genes, one IFN- $\beta$  gene, one IFN- $\omega$  (also known as IFN- $\alpha$  II1) gene and a number of IFN- $\omega$  pseudogenes, are clustered on human chromosome 9. Interferons- $\alpha$  and - $\beta$  are cytokines that are widely known to induce potent antiviral activity. IFN- $\alpha$  and - $\beta$  exert a variety of other biological effects, including antitumor and immunomodulatory activities, and are increasingly used clinically to treat a range of malignancies, myelodysplasias and autoimmune diseases. IFN- $\omega$  is antigenically different from human IFN- $\alpha$ , IFN- $\beta$  or IFN- $\gamma$ , but is a component of natural mixtures of IFN species produced by virus-induced leukocytes or Burkitt's lymphoma cells. The type I interferon receptor (IFN- $\alpha$ R) interacts with IFN- $\alpha$ , IFN- $\beta$  and IFN- $\omega$ , and seems to be a multi-subunit receptor.

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## **CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: IFNA2 (human) mapping to 9p21.3.

## **SOURCE**

IFN- $\alpha 2$  (MT4/E4) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against recombinant IFN- $\alpha 2$  of human origin.

## **PRODUCT**

Each vial contains 200  $\mu g \ lgG_1$  kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin. Also available azide-free for Neutralisations, sc-53342 L, 200  $\mu g/0.1$  ml.

IFN- $\alpha$ 2 (MT4/E4) is available conjugated to agarose (sc-53342 AC), 500 µg/ 0.25 ml agarose in 1 ml, for IP; to HRP (sc-53342 HRP), 200 µg/ml, for WB, IHC(P) and ELISA; to either phycoerythrin (sc-53342 PE), fluorescein (sc-53342 FITC), Alexa Fluor\* 488 (sc-53342 AF488), Alexa Fluor\* 546 (sc-53342 AF546), Alexa Fluor\* 594 (sc-53342 AF594) or Alexa Fluor\* 647 (sc-53342 AF647), 200 µg/ml, for WB (RGB), IF, IHC(P) and FCM; and to either Alexa Fluor\* 680 (sc-53342 AF680) or Alexa Fluor\* 790 (sc-53342 AF790), 200 µg/ml, for Near-Infrared (NIR) WB, IF and FCM.

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#### **APPLICATIONS**

IFN- $\alpha$ 2 (MT4/E4) is recommended for detection of IFN- $\alpha$ 2 of human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2  $\mu$ g per 100-500  $\mu$ g of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)] and immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

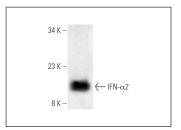
Suitable for use as control antibody for IFN- $\alpha$ 2 siRNA (h): sc-63324, IFN- $\alpha$ 2 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-63324-SH and IFN- $\alpha$ 2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-63324-V.

Molecular Weight of IFN-α2: 19 kDa.

## **RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS**

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use m-lgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-lgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker<sup>TM</sup> Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz\* Blocking Reagent: sc-516214 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-lgG $\kappa$  BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-lgG $\kappa$  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



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#### **STORAGE**

Store at 4° C, \*\*D0 NOT FREEZE\*\*. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

### **RESEARCH USE**

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

#### **PROTOCOLS**

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