BACKGROUND
Xeroderma pigmentosum (XP) is an autosomal recessive disorder characterized by a genetic predisposition to sunlight-induced skin cancer due to deficiencies in the DNA repair enzymes. The most frequent mutations are found in the XP genes of group A through G and group V, which encode nucleotide excision repair proteins. Nucleotide excision repair (NER) is the normal cellular response to DNA damage induced by UV irradiation and is disrupted in patients with XP. Xeroderma pigmentosum group A (XPA) is an essential NER factor that coordinates the collection of a preincision complex during the processing of DNA damage. XPA may also have a role in the repair of oxidized DNA bases. XPA is sensitive not only to the structure of the DNA double helix, but also to bulky groups incorporated into DNA. XPA forms a homodimer in the absence of DNA, but binds to DNA in both monomeric and dimeric forms. The dimerically bound XPA is much more efficient, so cells probably regulate XPA activity in a concentration-dependent manner. XPA deficient organisms cannot repair UV-induced DNA damage and thus acquire skin cancers by UV irradiation very easily.

REFERENCES

CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION
Genetic locus: XPA (human) mapping to 9q22.33.

SOURCE
XPA (5A2) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against recombinant XPA protein of human origin.

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

APPLICATIONS
XPA (5A2) is recommended for detection of XPA of human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2 µg per 100-500 µg of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)] and immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS
To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended:

DATA

STORAGE
Store at 4° C, **DO 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
See our web site at www.scbt.com for detailed protocols and support products.