**BACKGROUND**

C1q, a subcomponent of the classical complement pathway, is composed of nine subunits that mediate classical complement activation and thereby play an important role in the immune response. Six of these subunits are disulfide-linked dimers of chains A and B, while three of these subunits, designated C1q-A through C1q-C, are disulfide-linked dimers of chain C. The presence of receptors for C1q on effector cells modulates its activity, which may be antibody-dependent or independent. Macrophages are the primary source of C1q, while anti-inflammatory drugs as well as cytokines differentially regulate expression of the mRNA as well as the protein. However, its ability to modulate the interaction of platelets with collagen and immune complexes suggests C1q influences homeostasis as well as other immune activities, and perhaps thrombotic complications resulting from immune injury. Defects in C1q-A, C1q-B and C1q-C cause inactivation of the classical pathway, leading to a rare genetic disorder characterized by lupus-like symptoms.

**APPLICATIONS**

C1q-A (7H8) is recommended for detection of precursor and mature C1q-A of mouse, rat and 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)], immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and flow cytometry (1 µg per 1 x 10^6 cells).

Suitable for use as control antibody for C1q-A siRNA (h): sc-43651, C1q-A siRNA (m): sc-44962, C1q-A shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43651-SH, C1q-A shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-44962-SH, C1q-A shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43651-V and C1q-A shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44962-V.

Molecular Weight of C1q-A: 29 kDa.

Positive Controls: NIH/3T3 whole cell lysate: sc-2210 or RAW 264.7 whole cell lysate: sc-2211.

**SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS**


**STORAGE**

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

**RESEARCH USE**

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**PROTOCOLS**

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