

# CRMP-2 Antibody

✓ 100 µl  
(10 Western mini-blot)

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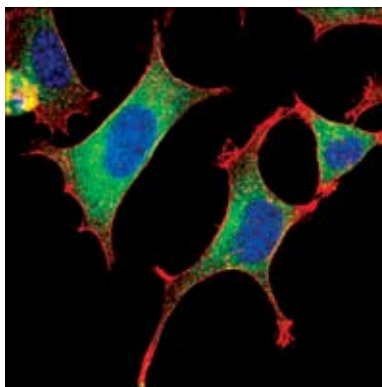
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Applications	Species Cross-Reactivity*	Molecular Wt.	Source
W, IF-IC Endogenous	H, M, R	55-65 kDa	Rabbit

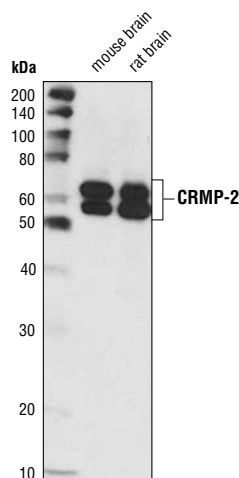
**Background:** Collapsin Response Mediator Protein-2 (CRMP-2) is expressed at high levels in the developing nervous system and plays a critical role in axonal outgrowth by specifying axon/dendrite fate and establishing neuronal polarity (1,2). CRMP-2 enhances axon elongation and branching by binding to tubulin heterodimers to promote microtubule assembly (3). GSK-3β inactivates CRMP-2 by phosphorylating it at Thr514. CRMP-2 is primed following phosphorylation at Ser522 by CDK5 and at Thr518 by GSK-3β (2). Phosphorylation of CRMP-2, which decreases tubulin binding ability, can be inhibited by NT-3 and BDNF through the PI3 kinase/Akt pathway (2). CRMP-2 also mediates semaphorin-induced growth cone collapse (4). Hyperphosphorylation of CRMP-2 and is found in Alzheimer disease plaques with concurrent elevated GSK-3β activity in these patients (5).

**Specificity/Sensitivity:** CRMP-2 Antibody detects endogenous levels of total CRMP-2 protein.

**Source/Purification:** Polyclonal antibodies are produced by immunizing rabbits with a synthetic peptide (KLH-coupled) of human CRMP-2. Antibodies are purified by peptide affinity chromatography.



Confocal immunofluorescent analysis of PC-12 cells using CRMP-2 Antibody (green). Actin filaments have been labeled with DY-554 phalloidin (red). Blue pseudocolor = DRAQ5™ (fluorescent DNA dye).



Western blot analysis of extracts from mouse and rat brain using CRMP-2 Antibody.

#### Background References:

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Entrez-Gene ID #1808

Swiss-Prot Acc. #Q16555

**Storage:** Supplied in 10 mM sodium HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 µg/ml BSA and 50% glycerol. Store at -20°C. Do not aliquot the antibody.

\*Species cross-reactivity is determined by Western blot.

#### Recommended Antibody Dilutions:

Western blotting 1:1000  
Immunofluorescence (IF-IC) 1:400

#### Companion Products:

Phospho-CRMP-2 (Thr514) Antibody #9397  
Phospho-GSK-3β (Ser9) (5B3) Rabbit mAb #9323  
Shootin1 Antibody #3279  
Plexin A1 Antibody #3813  
PI3 Kinase p110α (C73F8) Rabbit mAb #4249  
Phospho-Akt Pathway Sampler Kit #9916  
Phototope®-HRP Western Blot Detection System, Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody #7071  
Anti-rabbit IgG, HRP-linked Antibody #7074  
Prestained Protein Marker, Broad Range (Premixed Format) #7720  
Biotinylated Protein Ladder Detection Pack #7727  
20X LumiGLO® Reagent and 20X Peroxide #7003

**IMPORTANT: For Western blots, incubate membrane with diluted antibody in 5% w/v BSA, 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 at 4°C with gentle shaking, overnight.**

**Applications Key:** W—Western IP—Immunoprecipitation IHC—Immunohistochemistry ChIP—Chromatin Immunoprecipitation IF—Immunofluorescence F—Flow cytometry E—ELISA D—Delfia®  
**Species Cross-Reactivity Key:** H—human M—mouse R—rat Hm—hamster Mk—monkey Mi—mink C—chicken X—Xenopus Z—zebra fish B—bovine All—all species expected  
Species enclosed in parentheses are predicted to react based on 100% sequence homology.

## Western Immunoblotting Protocol (Primary Antibody Incubation in BSA)

For Western blots, incubate membrane with diluted antibody in 5% w/v BSA, 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 at 4°C with gentle shaking, overnight.

### A Solutions and Reagents

**NOTE:** Prepare solutions with Milli-Q or equivalently purified water.

- 1X Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)
- 1X SDS Sample Buffer:** 62.5 mM Tris-HCl (pH 6.8 at 25°C), 2% w/v SDS, 10% glycerol, 50 mM DTT, 0.01% w/v bromophenol blue or phenol red
- Transfer Buffer:** 25 mM Tris base, 0.2 M glycine, 20% methanol (pH 8.5)
- 10X Tris Buffered Saline (TBS):** To prepare 1 liter of 10X TBS: 24.2 g Tris base, 80 g NaCl; adjust pH to 7.6 with HCl (use at 1X).
- Nonfat Dry Milk (weight to volume [w/v])
- Blocking Buffer:** 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 with 5% w/v nonfat dry milk; for 150 ml, add 15 ml 10X TBS to 135 ml water, mix. Add 7.5 g nonfat dry milk and mix well. While stirring, add 0.15 ml Tween-20 (100%).
- Wash Buffer:** 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 (TBS/T)
- Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)
- Primary Antibody Dilution Buffer:** 1X TBS, 0.1% Tween-20 with 5% BSA; for 20 ml, add 2 ml 10X TBS to 18 ml water, mix. Add 1.0 g BSA and mix well. While stirring, add 20 µl Tween-20 (100%).
- Phototope<sup>®</sup>-HRP Western Blot Detection System #7071:** Includes biotinylated protein ladder, secondary anti-rabbit (#7074) antibody conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (HRP), anti-biotin antibody conjugated to HRP, LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> chemiluminescent reagent and peroxide.
- Prestained Protein Marker, Broad Range (Premixed Format) #7720
- Biotinylated Protein Ladder Detection Pack #7727
- Blotting Membrane:** This protocol has been optimized for nitrocellulose membranes, which CST recommends. PVDF membranes may also be used.

### B Protein Blotting

A general protocol for sample preparation is described below.

- Treat cells by adding fresh media containing regulator for desired time.
- Aspirate media from cultures; wash cells with 1X PBS; aspirate.
- Lyse cells by adding 1X SDS sample buffer (100 µl per well of 6-well plate or 500 µl per plate of 10 cm diameter plate). Immediately scrape the cells off the plate and transfer the extract to a microcentrifuge tube. Keep on ice.
- Sonicate for 10–15 seconds to shear DNA and reduce sample viscosity.
- Heat a 20 µl sample to 95–100°C for 5 minutes; cool on ice.
- Microcentrifuge for 5 minutes.
- Load 20 µl onto SDS-PAGE gel (10 cm x 10 cm).

**NOTE:** CST recommends loading prestained molecular weight markers (#7720, 10 µl/lane) to verify electrotransfer and biotinylated protein ladder (#7727, 10 µl/lane) to determine molecular weights.

- Electrotransfer to nitrocellulose or PVDF membrane.

### C Membrane Blocking and Antibody Incubations

**NOTE:** Volumes are for 10 cm x 10 cm (100 cm<sup>2</sup>) of membrane; for different sized membranes, adjust volumes accordingly.

- (Optional) After transfer, wash nitrocellulose membrane with 25 ml TBS for 5 minutes at room temperature.
- Incubate membrane in 25 ml of blocking buffer for 1 hour at room temperature.
- Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.
- Incubate membrane and primary antibody (at the appropriate dilution) in 10 ml primary antibody dilution buffer with gentle agitation overnight at 4°C.
- Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.
- Incubate membrane with HRP-conjugated secondary antibody (1:2000) and HRP-conjugated anti-biotin antibody (1:1000) to detect biotinylated protein markers in 10 ml of blocking buffer with gentle agitation for 1 hour at room temperature.
- Wash three times for 5 minutes each with 15 ml of TBS/T.

### D Detection of Proteins

- Incubate membrane with 10 ml LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> (0.5 ml 20X LumiGLO<sup>®</sup>, 0.5 ml 20X Peroxide and 9.0 ml Milli-Q water) with gentle agitation for 1 minute at room temperature.

**NOTE:** LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> substrate can be further diluted if signal response is too fast.

- Drain membrane of excess developing solution (do not let dry), wrap in plastic wrap and expose to x-ray film. An initial 10-second exposure should indicate the proper exposure time.

**NOTE:** Due to the kinetics of the detection reaction, signal is most intense immediately following LumiGLO<sup>®</sup> incubation and declines over the following 2 hours.

# Immunofluorescence Protocol

**\*IMPORTANT:** Please refer to the **APPLICATIONS** section on the front page of the data sheet to determine **IF THIS PRODUCT** is validated and approved for the specific protocol you will be using.

## A Solutions and Reagents

**NOTE:** Prepare solutions with Milli-Q or equivalently purified water.

- 1. 10X Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS):** To prepare 1 L add 80 g sodium chloride (NaCl), 2 g potassium chloride (KCl), 14.4 g sodium phosphate, dibasic ( $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ ) and 2.4 g potassium phosphate, monobasic ( $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$ ) to 1 L  $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$ . Adjust pH to 7.4.
- 2. Formaldehyde, 16%, methanol free,** Polysciences, Inc. (cat# 18814), use fresh, store opened vials at 4°C in dark, dilute in PBS for use.
- 3. Xylene**
- 4. Ethanol, anhydrous denatured, histological grade, 100% and 95%**
- 5. Distilled water ( $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$ )**
- 6. Blocking Buffer:** To prepare 25 mL, add 2.5 mL 10X PBS, 1.25 mL normal serum from the same species as the secondary antibody (eg. normal goat serum, normal donkey serum) and 21.25 mL  $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$  and mix well. While stirring, add 75  $\mu\text{L}$  Triton X-100 (100%).
- 7. Antibody Dilution Buffer:** To prepare 40 mL, add 4 mL 10X PBS to 36 mL  $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$ , mix. Add 0.4 g BSA and mix well. While stirring, add 120  $\mu\text{L}$  Triton X-100 (100%).
- 8. 10 mM Sodium Citrate Buffer:** To prepare 1 L, add 2.94 g sodium citrate trisodium salt dihydrate ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Na}_3\text{O}_7 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) to 1 L  $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$ . Adjust pH to 6.0.
- 9. 1X PBS, high salt (0.4M) (high salt PBS):** To prepare 1L, add 100 ml 10X PBS to 900 ml  $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$ . Add 23.38 g NaCl and mix.
- 10. Fluorochrome-conjugated secondary antibody**

**NOTE:** When using any primary or fluorochrome-conjugated secondary antibody for the first time, titrate the antibody to determine which dilution allows for the strongest specific signal with the least background for your sample.

- 11. Prolong® Gold Antifade Reagent** (Invitrogen, Eugene, OR, Cat# P36930)

## B Specimen Preparation

### I. Cultured Cell Lines (IF-IC)

**IMPORTANT:** Please check the **APPLICATIONS** section of the data sheet to verify that this product is validated and approved for **(IF-IC)**.

**NOTE:** Cells should be grown, treated, fixed, and stained directly in multiwell plates, chamber slides, or on coverslips.

- 1. Rinse cells briefly in PBS.**
- 2. Aspirate PBS, cover cells to a depth of 2-3 mm with 2-4% formaldehyde in PBS.**

**NOTE:** Formaldehyde is toxic, use only in fume hood.

- 3. Allow cells to fix for 15 minutes at room temperature.**
- 4. Aspirate fixative, rinse three times in PBS for 5 minutes each.**
- 5. Methanol Permeabilization Step (if required, please refer to front page):** After formaldehyde fixation, cover cells with ice-cold 100% methanol (use enough to cover cells completely to a depth of 3-5 mm, **DO NOT LET CELLS DRY**), incubate cells in methanol for 10 minutes at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ , rinse in PBS for 5 minutes.
- 6. Proceed with Immunostaining section C.**

### II. Paraffin Sections (IF-P)

**IMPORTANT:** Please check the **APPLICATIONS** section of the data sheet to verify that this product is validated and approved for **(IF-P)**.

Deparaffinization/Rehydration:

- 1. Incubate sections in three washes of xylene for 5 minutes each.**
- 2. Incubate sections in two washes of 100% ethanol for 10 minutes each.**
- 3. Incubate sections in two washes of 95% ethanol for 10 minutes each.**
- 4. Rinse sections twice in  $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$  for 5 minutes each.**

Antigen Unmasking:

- 1. Place slides in room temperature 10 mM sodium citrate buffer pH 6.0.**
- 2. Bring slides to boiling in sodium citrate buffer using water bath or microwave, then maintain at  $95-99^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 minutes.**
- 3. Cool slides for 30 minutes on bench top.**
- 4. Rinse sections in  $\text{dH}_2\text{O}$  three times for 5 minutes each.**
- 5. Rinse sections in PBS for 5 minutes.**
- 6. Proceed with Immunostaining section C.**

## III. Frozen/Cryostat Sections (IF-F)

**IMPORTANT:** Please check the **APPLICATIONS** section of the data sheet to verify that this product is validated and approved for **(IF-F)**.

**NOTE:** Fresh frozen/unfixed sections should be fixed immediately in 2-4% formaldehyde as follows to preserve signaling epitopes.

- 1. Cover sections with 2-4% formaldehyde in PBS**

**NOTE:** Formaldehyde is toxic, use only in fume hood.

- 2. Allow sections to fix for 15 minutes at room temperature.**
- 3. Rinse slides three times in PBS for 5 minutes each.**

## C Immunostaining

**NOTE:** All subsequent incubations should be carried out at room temperature unless otherwise noted in a humid light-tight box or covered dish/plate to prevent drying and fluorochrome fading.

- 1. Block specimen in Blocking Buffer for 60 minutes.**
- 2. While blocking, prepare primary antibody by diluting as indicated on datasheet in Antibody Dilution Buffer.**
- 3. Aspirate blocking solution, apply diluted primary antibody.**

**NOTE:** For double-labeling, prepare a cocktail of the primary antibodies at their appropriate dilution in Antibody Dilution Buffer.

- 4. Incubate overnight at  $4^\circ\text{C}$ .**
- 5. Rinse three times in PBS for 5 minutes each.**

**OPTION:** To decrease background stain, rinse in high salt PBS for two minutes between second and third PBS rinses. Be aware, this may reduce specific staining of some antibodies.

**NOTE:** If using primary antibodies directly conjugated with Alexa Fluor® fluorochromes, then skip to step C8.

- 6. Incubate specimen in fluorochrome-conjugated secondary antibody diluted in Antibody Dilution Buffer for 1-2 hours at room temperature in dark.**

**NOTE:** For double-labeling, prepare a cocktail of fluorochrome-conjugated secondary antibodies at their appropriate dilutions in Antibody Dilution Buffer.

- 7. Rinse in PBS/high salt PBS as in step 5.**
- 8. Coverslip slides with Prolong® Gold Antifade Reagent or apply just enough to cover cells in multiwell plate.**
- 9. Seal slides by painting around edges of coverslips with nail polish.**
- 10. For best results examine specimens immediately using appropriate excitation wavelength. For long term storage, store slides flat at  $4^\circ\text{C}$  protected from light.**