
CST8 Antibody Blocking Peptide

Catalog Number: bs-9216P

Activity: Not tested

Purification: HPLC

Storage: Shipped at 4°C. Stored at -20°C for one year. Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles.

Background: The cystatin superfamily is a well-established family of cysteine protease inhibitors. All true cystatins inhibit cysteine peptidases of the papain family, such as cathepsins, while some also inhibit legumain family enzymes. The CRES (cystatin-related epididymal spermatogenic) protein defines a new subgroup in the family 2 cystatins of the cystatin superfamily. CRES proteins lack two of the three consensus sites necessary for the cystatin inhibition of C1 cysteine proteases. They are also preferentially expressed in postmeiotic germ cells, the proximal caput epididymidis, and anterior pituitary gonadotrophs. Therefore, CRES proteins may perform unique and tissue-specific functions in the reproductive and neuroendocrine systems. As a member of the CRES subfamily, Cystatin 8 is a 142 amino acid protein that is expressed in the proximal caput region of the epididymis, where it performs a specialized role during sperm development and maturation.