# HEXA (M-43): sc-134578



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## **BACKGROUND**

Hexosaminidase A (HEXA), also designated  $\beta\textsc{-Hexosaminidase}$  A, a trimer composed of one  $\alpha$  chain, one  $\beta\textsc{-A}$  chain and one  $\beta\textsc{-B}$  chain, is found in the lysosomes of cells. HEXA, along with the cofactor CM2 activator protein, catalyzes the degradation of GM2 ganglioside and other molecules containing terminal N-acetyl hexosamines in the brain and other tissues. A mutation in the  $\alpha$  subunit of Hexosaminidase is the cause of Tay-Sachs disease (TSD), also known as GM2-gangliosidosis type I. TSD is a fatal autosomal recessive lysosomal storage disease of the central nervous system (CNS) caused by insufficient activity of the HEXA enzyme that results in a failure to process GM2 gangliosides. The accumulation of GM2 ganglioside in the absence of HEXA activity causes progressive destruction of the CNS.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: Hexa (mouse) mapping to 9 B.

#### SOURCE

HEXA (M-43) is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against amino acids 486-528 mapping at the C-terminus of HEXA of mouse origin.

## **PRODUCT**

Each vial contains 200  $\mu g$  lgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with <0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

## **STORAGE**

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

#### **APPLICATIONS**

HEXA (M-43) is recommended for detection of HEXA of mouse and rat 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)], immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

Suitable for use as control antibody for HEXA siRNA (m): sc-60784, HEXA shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-60784-SH and HEXA shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-60784-V.

Molecular Weight of HEXA precursor: 67 kDa.

Molecular Weight of mature HEXA: 54 kDa.

#### **RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS**

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2004 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2030 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 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 goat anti-rabbit IgG-FITC: sc-2012 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-rabbit IgG-TR: sc-2780 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

# **RESEARCH USE**

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

## **PROTOCOLS**

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