

# FT $\alpha$ (FL-379): sc-13964

## BACKGROUND

Mammalian protein farnesyl transferases are heterodimeric proteins containing two nonidentical  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits that attach farnesyl residues to a cysteine at the fourth position from the COOH terminus of several proteins, including nuclear lamins and p21Ras proteins. The natural substrates contain the Cys-A-A-Xaa recognition sequence, where the A residues are aliphatic and Xaa represents methionine, serine, glutamine or cysteine. The purified farnesyl transferase is an  $\alpha\beta$  heterodimer. The  $\beta$  subunit binds the peptide substrate while the  $\alpha$  subunit is suspected to participate in formation of a stable complex with the substrate farnesyl pyrophosphate. The  $\alpha$  subunit is shared with a second prenyl transferase, geranyl-geranyl transferase, that attaches 20 carbon geranylgeranyl to Ras related proteins that terminate in a Cys-A-A-Xaa recognition site in which Xaa is leucine.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: FNTA (human) mapping to 8p11.21; Fnta (mouse) mapping to 8 A2.

## SOURCE

FT $\alpha$  (FL-379) is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against amino acids 1-379 representing full length FT $\alpha$  of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgG 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.

## RESEARCH USE

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

## APPLICATIONS

FT $\alpha$  (FL-379) is recommended for detection of FT $\alpha$  of mouse, rat and human 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).

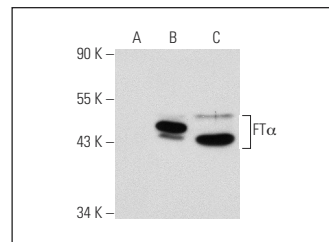
FT $\alpha$  (FL-379) is also recommended for detection of FT $\alpha$  in additional species, including canine and bovine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for FT $\alpha$  siRNA (h): sc-35420, FT $\alpha$  siRNA (m): sc-35419, FT $\alpha$  shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-35420-SH, FT $\alpha$  shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-35419-SH, FT $\alpha$  shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35420-V and FT $\alpha$  shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35419-V.

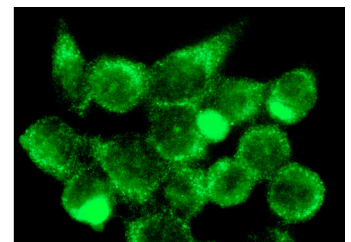
Molecular Weight of FT $\alpha$ : 49 kDa.

Positive Controls: NIH/3T3 whole cell lysate: sc-2210, Jurkat whole cell lysate: sc-2204 or FT $\alpha$  (h): 293 Lysate: sc-112923.

## DATA



FT $\alpha$  (FL-379): sc-13964. Western blot analysis of FT $\alpha$  expression in non-transfected 293: sc-110760 (A), human FT $\alpha$  transfected 293: sc-112923 (B) and Jurkat (C) whole cell lysates.



FT $\alpha$  (FL-379): sc-13964. Immunofluorescence staining of methanol-fixed HeLa cells showing perinuclear localization.

## PROTOCOLS

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