

# ferritin heavy chain (Y-16): sc-14416

## BACKGROUND

Mammalian ferritins consist of 24 subunits made up of 2 types of polypeptide chains, ferritin heavy chain and ferritin light chain, which each have unique functions. Ferritin heavy chains catalyze the first step in iron storage, the oxidation of Fe<sup>II</sup>, whereas ferritin light chains promote the nucleation of ferrihydrite, enabling storage of Fe<sup>III</sup>. The most prominent role of mammalian ferritins is to provide iron-buffering capacity to cells. In addition to iron buffering, heavy chain ferritin is also involved in the regulation of thymidine biosynthesis via increased expression of cytoplasmic serine hydroxymethyltransferase, which is a limiting factor in thymidylate synthesis in MCF-7 cells. Light chain ferritin is involved in cataracts by at least two mechanisms: hereditary hyperferritinemia cataract syndrome, in which light chain ferritin is overexpressed; and oxidative stress, an important factor in the development of aging-related cataracts.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: FTH1 (human) mapping to 11q12.3, FTMT (human) mapping to 5q23.1; Fth1 (mouse) mapping to 19 A, Ftmt (mouse) mapping to 18 D1.

## SOURCE

ferritin heavy chain (Y-16) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping near the N-terminus of ferritin heavy chain of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200 µg IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-14416 P, (100 µg peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## APPLICATIONS

ferritin heavy chain (Y-16) is recommended for detection of ferritin heavy chain and mitochondrial ferritin 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 solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

ferritin heavy chain (Y-16) is also recommended for detection of ferritin heavy chain and mitochondrial ferritin in additional species, including equine, canine, bovine and avian.

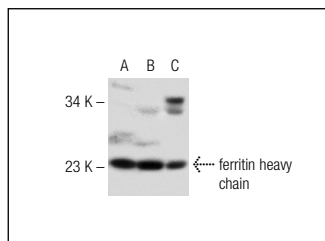
Molecular Weight of ferritin heavy chain: 21 kDa.

Positive Controls: Daudi cell lysate: sc-2415, Hep G2 cell lysate: sc-2227 or Caco-2 cell lysate: sc-2262.

## STORAGE

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

## DATA



ferritin heavy chain (Y-16): sc-14416. Western blot analysis of ferritin heavy chain expression in Daudi (A), Hep G2 (B) and Caco-2 (C) whole cell lysates.

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## RESEARCH USE

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