# Hemoglobin $\alpha$ (D-16): sc-31110



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#### **BACKGROUND**

Hemoglobin (Hgb) is coupled to four iron-binding, methene-linked tetrapyrrole rings (heme). The  $\alpha$  (16p13.3; 5'- $\omega$ -pseudoz-pseudo  $\alpha$ 2-pseudo  $\alpha$ 1- $\alpha$ 2- $\alpha$ 1- $\alpha$ 1-3') and  $\beta$  (11p15.5) globin loci determine the basic hemoglobin structure. The globin portion of hemoglobin consists of two  $\alpha$  chains and two  $\beta$  chains arranged in pairs forming a tetramer. Each of the four globin chains covalently associates with a heme group. The bonds between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  chains are weaker than between similar globin chains, thereby forming a cleavage plane that is important for oxygen binding and release. High affinity for oxygen occurs upon relaxation of the  $\alpha$ 1- $\beta$ 2 cleavage plane. When the two  $\alpha$ 1- $\beta$ 2 interfaces are closely bound, hemoglobin has a low affinity for oxygen. Hb A, which contains two  $\alpha$  chains plus two  $\beta$  chains, comprises 97% of total circulating hemoglobin. The remaining 3% of total circulating hemoglobin is comprised of Hb A-2, which consists of two  $\alpha$  chains plus two  $\delta$  chains, and fetal hemoglobin (Hb F), which consists of two  $\alpha$  chains together with two  $\gamma$  chains.

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# **CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: HBA1 (human) mapping to 16p13.3.

#### SOURCE

Hemoglobin  $\alpha$  (D-16) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping within an internal region of Hemoglobin  $\alpha$  of human origin.

### **PRODUCT**

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

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-31110 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

### **APPLICATIONS**

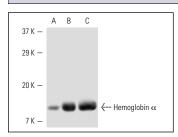
Hemoglobin  $\alpha$  (D-16) is recommended for detection of Hemoglobin  $\alpha$  of human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2  $\mu$ g per 100-500  $\mu$ g of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)], immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

Suitable for use as control antibody for Hemoglobin  $\alpha$  siRNA (h): sc-41230, Hemoglobin  $\alpha$  shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-41230-SH and Hemoglobin  $\alpha$  shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-41230-V.

Molecular Weight of Hemoglobin  $\alpha$ : 10 kDa.

Positive Controls: TF-1 cell lysate: sc-2412, Hel 92.1.7 cell lysate: sc-2270 or K-562 whole cell lysate: sc-2203.

#### **DATA**



Hemoglobin  $\alpha$  (D-16): sc-31110. Western blot analysis of Hemoglobin  $\alpha$  expression in TF-1 (**A**), HEL 92.1.7 (**B**) and K-562 (**C**) whole cell lysates.

#### **SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS**

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#### **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.



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