

# FT $\alpha$ (D-5): sc-374262

## 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 p21<sup>Ras</sup> 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, geranylgeranyl 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 $\alpha$  (D-5) is a mouse monoclonal antibody specific for an epitope mapping between amino acids 349-377 at the C-terminus of FT $\alpha$  of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgG<sub>3</sub> kappa light chain in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-374262 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% stabilizer protein).

## APPLICATIONS

FT $\alpha$  (D-5) is recommended for detection of FT $\alpha$  of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:100, 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 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.

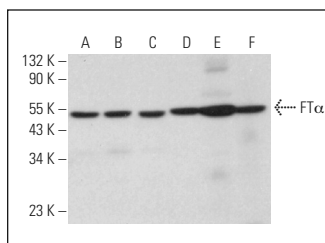
Molecular Weight of FT $\alpha$ : 49 kDa.

Positive Controls: Jurkat whole cell lysate: sc-2204, K-562 whole cell lysate: sc-2203 or Hep G2 cell lysate: sc-2227.

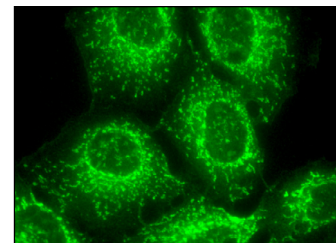
## RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP: sc-516102 or m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-HRP (Cruz Marker): sc-516102-CM (dilution range: 1:1000-1:10000), Cruz Marker<sup>TM</sup> Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Blocking Reagent: sc-516214 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 m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgG $\kappa$  BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz<sup>®</sup> Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850.

## DATA



FT $\alpha$  (D-5): sc-374262. Western blot analysis of FT $\alpha$  expression in Jurkat (A), K-562 (B), Hep G2 (C) and NIH/3T3 (D) whole cell lysates and mouse brain (E) and human liver (F) tissue extracts.



FT $\alpha$  (D-5): sc-374262. Immunofluorescence staining of methanol-fixed HeLa cells showing cytoplasmic localization.

## 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.

## PROTOCOLS

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