

GAL4-TA (768): sc-429

BACKGROUND

The GAL4 protein of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is one of the most thoroughly characterized transcriptional activators. Since the N-terminal 147 amino acid residues of GAL4 are sufficient to mediate specific and strong binding to DNA, but are incapable of efficient transcriptional activation, this protein fragment has frequently been used to confer specific DNA binding in experiments examining transcriptional activation functions of heterologous proteins. This approach is facilitated by the finding that higher eukaryotes lack endogenous proteins that enhance transcription from the consensus GAL4-binding site. The transcriptional activation (TA) domain, which corresponds to C-terminal amino acids 768-881, facilitates the activation of GAL genes, such as GAL1, GAL2, GAL7, GAL10 and MEL1, in response to galactose. Fusions between GAL4 (an amino acid sequence) and activating domains from a variety of transcriptional regulatory proteins can activate transcription in yeast, plant, insects and mammalian cells. A unique "two-hybrid" system has been developed using GAL4 fusions in yeast to identify specific protein-protein interactions.

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SOURCE

GAL4-TA (768) is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against amino acids 768-881 mapping within the acidic activator domain of GAL4-TA of origin.

PRODUCT

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

Available as TransCruz reagent for ChIP application, sc-429 X, 200 µg/0.1 ml.

STORAGE

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

APPLICATIONS

GAL4-TA (768) is recommended for detection of GAL4-TA 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)] and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

GAL4-TA (768) X TransCruz antibody is recommended for ChIP assays.

Molecular Weight of GAL4-TA: 99 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).

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RESEARCH USE

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



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