

BACKGROUND

Mammalian protein farnesyl transferases are heterodimeric proteins containing two nonidentical α and β 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 α - β heterodimer. The β subunit binds the peptide substrate while the α subunit is suspected to participate in formation of a stable complex with the substrate farnesyl pyrophosphate. The α 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.

SOURCE

FT α (C-19) is an affinity purified rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping at the C-terminus of FT α of human origin.

PRODUCT

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

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-487 P, (100 μ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

APPLICATIONS

FT α (C-19) is recommended for detection of FT α of human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2 μ g per 100-500 μ g of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)], immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500), immunohistochemistry (including paraffin-embedded sections) (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 α (C-19) is also recommended for detection of FT α in additional species, including equine, canine and bovine.

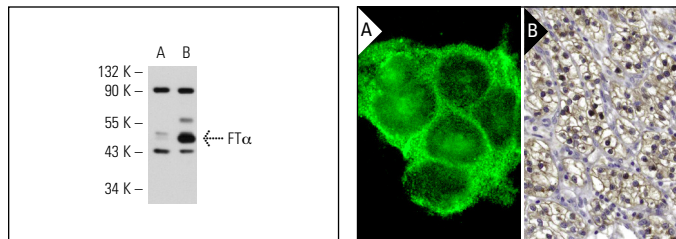
Suitable for use as control antibody for FT α siRNA (h): sc-35420, FT α shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-35420-SH and FT α shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35420-V.

Molecular Weight of FT α : 49 kDa.

Positive Controls: A-431 whole cell lysate: sc-2201, Jurkat whole cell lysate: sc-2204 or FT α (h): 293 Lysate: sc-112923.

STORAGE

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

DATA

FT α (C-19): sc-487. Western blot analysis of FT α expression in non-transfected: sc-110760 (A) and human FT α transfected: sc-112923 (B) 293 whole cell lysates.

FT α (C-19): sc-487. Immunofluorescence staining of methanol-fixed A-431 cells showing cytoplasmic staining (A). Immunoperoxidase staining of formalin fixed, paraffin-embedded human renal cancer tissue showing membrane, cytoplasmic, and nuclear staining of tumor cells. Kindly provided by The Swedish Human Protein Atlas (HPA) program (B).

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RESEARCH USE

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



Try FT α (D-5): sc-374262 or FT α (IB7): sc-23906, our highly recommended monoclonal alternatives to FT α (C-19).