

MT 16 kDa antigen (HTM62): sc-52100

BACKGROUND

Mycobacterium tuberculosis is a slow-growing obligate aerobic bacillus that causes most cases of tuberculosis (TB). It is a small, rod-like microbe that can withstand weak disinfectants and survive in a dry state for weeks but can only grow within a host organism. *M. tuberculosis* has a thick waxy cell wall that is responsible for the typical caseous granuloma formation in tuberculosis. TB infection begins when the mycobacteria reach the pulmonary alveoli, where they invade and replicate within alveolar macrophages. Bacteria are picked up by dendritic cells, which transport them to local lymph nodes. The bacteria may be further spread through the bloodstream to the more distant tissues and organs where secondary TB lesions can develop in lung apices, peripheral lymph nodes, kidneys, brain and bone. The 16 kDa antigen of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (MT 16 kDa antigen) provokes specific immune responses in an infected host, making it a target for peptide-based diagnostic reagents and subunit vaccines.

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SOURCE

MT 16 kDa antigen (HTM62) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against the recombinant 16 kDa antigen of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* origin.

PRODUCT

Each vial contains 100 µg IgG_{2a} in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

APPLICATIONS

MT 16 kDa antigen (HTM62) is recommended for detection of the 16 kDa antigen of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000).

Molecular Weight of MT 16 kDa antigen: 16 kDa.

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

See our web site at www.scbt.com for detailed protocols and support products.