

# MacroH2A (K-12): sc-54844

## BACKGROUND

Eukaryotic histones are water soluble, basic nuclear proteins that form hetero-octameric nucleosome particles by wrapping 146 base pairs of DNA in a left-handed super-helical turn sequentially to form chromosomal fiber. Two molecules of each of the four core histones (H2A, H2B, H3 and H4) form the octamer. The octamer consists of two H2A-H2B dimers and two H3-H4 dimers, forming two nearly symmetrical halves by tertiary structure. MacroH2A, also called core histone MacroH2A2 (mH2A2), is a variant Histone H2A, originally isolated in rat liver, that is nearly three times as large as conventional H2A. MacroH2A may be involved in stable X chromosome inactivation as it is enriched in inactive X chromosome chromatin.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: H2AFY2 (human) mapping to 10q22.1; H2afy2 (mouse) mapping to 10 B4.

## STORAGE

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

## PROTOCOLS

See our web site at [www.scbt.com](http://www.scbt.com) or our catalog for detailed protocols and support products.

## SOURCE

MacroH2A (K-12) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping within an internal region of MacroH2A of human origin.

## PRODUCT

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

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-54844 P, (100 µg peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

Available as TransCruz reagent for Gel Supershift and ChIP applications, sc-54844 X, 200 µg/0.1 ml.

## APPLICATIONS

MacroH2A (K-12) is recommended for detection of MacroH2A of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), 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).

MacroH2A (K-12) is also recommended for detection of MacroH2A in additional species, including equine, canine, bovine, porcine and avian.

Suitable for use as control antibody for MacroH2A siRNA (h): sc-62575, MacroH2A siRNA (m): sc-62576, MacroH2A shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-62575-SH, MacroH2A shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-62576-SH, MacroH2A shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-62575-V and MacroH2A shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-62576-V.

MacroH2A (K-12) X TransCruz antibody is recommended for Gel Supershift and ChIP applications.

Molecular Weight of MacroH2A: 42 kDa.

## RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2020 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2033 (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) Immunofluorescence: use donkey anti-goat IgG-FITC: sc-2024 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or donkey anti-goat IgG-TR: sc-2783 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

## RESEARCH USE

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