

Tra-2 α (C-19): sc-8594

BACKGROUND

Human transformer-2 alpha (Tra-2 α) and transformer-2 beta (Tra-2 β) are nuclear proteins that associate with distinct pre-mRNA splicing enhancer elements. Tra-2 α is the functional homolog of the *Drosophila* TRA-2 protein, which regulates the female specific pre-mRNA splicing pattern of the double-sex (dsx) gene in *Drosophila*. Human Tra-2 proteins are able to actively splice *Drosophila* sex factors; however, human Tra-2 α has not been shown to induce sexual differentiation, suggesting that human Tra-2 α proteins may regulate splicing patterns involving alternative mechanisms. Tra-2 α and Tra-2 β proteins contain a single RNP-type RNA-binding domain, and they selectively bind to purine-rich sequences to facilitate mRNA splicing. Expression of Tra-2 β is upregulated during the reoxygenation of hypoxic astrocytes, and both Tra-2 α and Tra-2 β are detected in nuclear fractions from HeLa cells. Tra-2 α and

Tra-2 β interact with the serine/arginine-rich (SR) family of splicing factors to form Tra-2/SR complexes that then regulate tissue-specific alternative splicing patterns of many pre-mRNAs.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: TRA2A (human) mapping to 7p15.3; Tra2a (mouse) mapping to 6 B2.3.

SOURCE

Tra-2 α (C-19) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping near the C-terminus of Tra-2 α of human origin.

STORAGE

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

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-8594 P, (100 μ g 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-8594 X, 200 μ g/0.1 ml.

APPLICATIONS

Tra-2 α (C-19) is recommended for detection of Tra-2 α of mouse, rat and 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) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

Tra-2 α (C-19) is also recommended for detection of Tra-2 α in additional species, including canine.

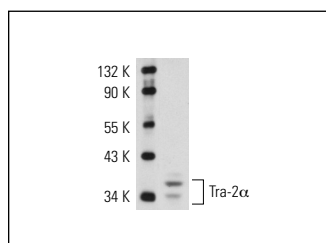
Suitable for use as control antibody for Tra-2 α siRNA (h): sc-38564, Tra-2 α siRNA (m): sc-38565, Tra-2 α shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-38564-SH, Tra-2 α shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-38565-SH, Tra-2 α shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-38564-V and Tra-2 α shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-38565-V.

Tra-2 α (C-19) X TransCruz antibody is recommended for Gel Supershift and ChIP applications.

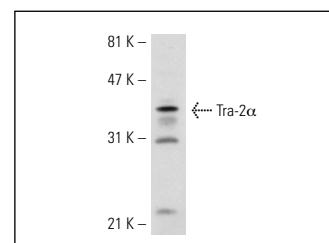
Molecular Weight of Tra-2 α : 40 kDa.

Positive Controls: HeLa nuclear extract sc-2120.

DATA



Tra-2 α (C-19): sc-8594. Western blot analysis of Tra-2 α expression in HeLa nuclear extract.



Tra-2 α (C-19): sc-8594. Western blot analysis of Tra-2 α expression in Hep G2 nuclear extract.

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