

saposin (F-15): sc-100584

BACKGROUND

The saposin family includes four structurally related activator proteins, saposin A, B, C and D, that are cleaved from the single precursor protein prosaposin. The gene encoding human prosaposin maps to chromosome 10. Prosaposin is synthesized as a protein that is posttranslationally modified to a shorter form and then further glycosylated to yield a secretory product. This form subsequently undergoes partial proteolysis to produce saposin A, B, C and D. Each saposin family member acts in conjunction with hydrolase enzymes to facilitate the breakdown of glycosphingolipids within the lysosome. The saposins modify the environment of target lipids to make them accessible to the active sites of specific enzymes. Saposin A and C are involved in the hydrolysis of glucosylceramidase and defects in saposin C are linked to Gaucher's disease. Saposin B facilitates the hydrolysis of the sulfate group from cerebroside sulfate and defects in this protein are responsible for a form of metachromatic leukodystrophy, a progressive neurodegenerative condition. Saposin D may stimulate the hydrolysis of sphingomyelin and ceramide, but its exact physiological role is not clear.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: PSAP (human) mapping to 10q22.1.

SOURCE

saposin (F-15) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against recombinant saposin of human origin.

PRODUCT

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

APPLICATIONS

saposin (F-15) is recommended for detection of saposin of human origin by 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).

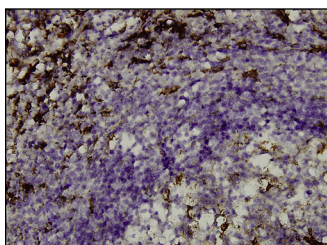
Suitable for use as control antibody for saposin siRNA (h): sc-44456, saposin shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-44456-SH and saposin shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44456-V.

Molecular Weight of saposin: 58 kDa.

RECOMMENDED SUPPORT REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support reagents are recommended: 1) Immunofluorescence: use m-IgGκ BP-FITC: sc-516140 or m-IgGκ BP-PE: sc-516141 (dilution range: 1:50-1:200) with UltraCruz[®] Mounting Medium: sc-24941 or UltraCruz[®] Hard-set Mounting Medium: sc-359850. 2) Immunohistochemistry: use m-IgGκ BP-HRP: sc-516102 with DAB, 50X: sc-24982 and Immunohistomount: sc-45086, or Organo/Limonene Mount: sc-45087.

DATA



saposin (F-15): sc-100584. Immunoperoxidase staining of formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded human spleen tissue showing cytoplasmic localization.

SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

1. Nibe, K., et al. 2011. Clinical and pathologic features of neuronal ceroid-lipofuscinosis in a ferret (*Mustela putorius furo*). *Vet. Pathol.* 48: 1185-1189.

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.