

Anti-SLA (haploid sperm cell-specific antigen) antibody, clone TRA54

73-001 100 ug

Shipment and storage temperature: Ship at 4°C and store at -20°C

Reactivity: Mouse and rat. Not tested for other species.

Immunogen: Cell lysates of adult mouse testes

Applications:

1. Western blotting (~1 ug/ml)
2. Immunohistochemical staining
3. Immuno-electron microscopy (Ref. 3).
4. Immunoprecipitation

Product: The antibody was purified from the serum-free culture medium of the hybridoma clone TRA54 by proprietary chromatography processes under mild conditions.

Form: Purified rat IgM (1 mg/ml) in PBS(-), 50% glycerol

Background: Many transcripts for proteins specifically expressed in haploid germ cells are synthesized in the spermatogenesis. A monoclonal antibody TRA54 recognizes specific organelles in germ cell cytoplasm from spermatocytes to spermatids. Western blots using TRA54 revealed broad bands with 85 kD, 190 kD and >200 kDa in testis probably due to alternative splicing and/or post-translational modification (Fig. 1). The molecular size diversity is due to the difference in glycosilation.

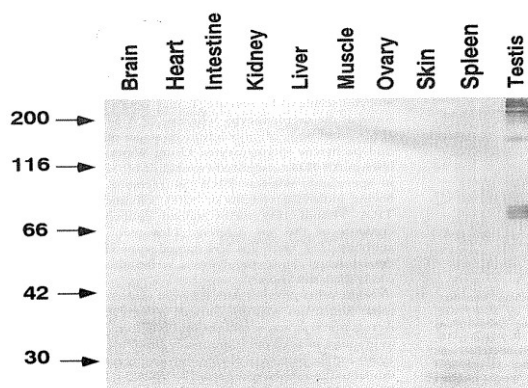


Fig.1. Western blot analysis of various mouse tissues with TRA54 antibody.

For each tissue homogenate, 100 ug protein was applied to each lane. Antibody was used at 1 ug/ml.

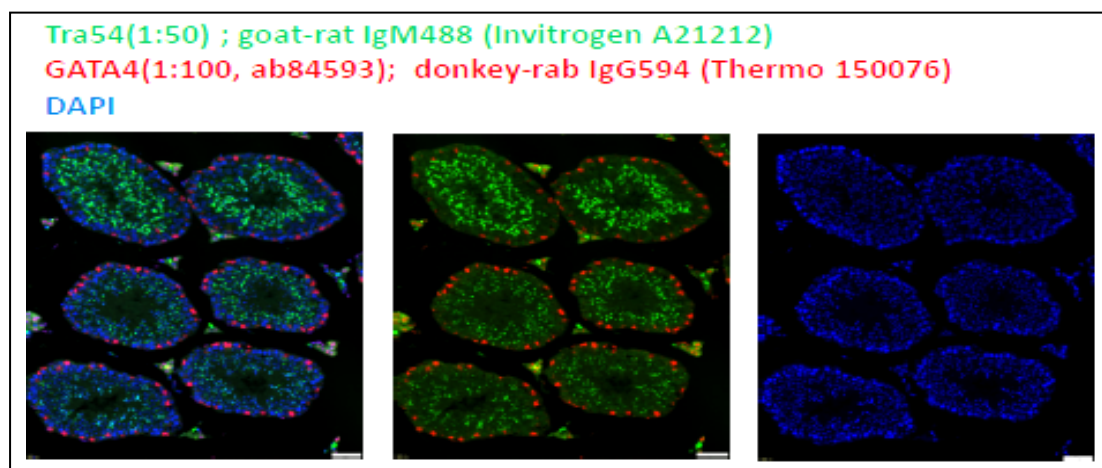


Fig. 2. Immunohistochemical staining of mouse testicular testia with TRA54 antibody.

Sections of 8-month mouse testis were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde and embedded in paraffin. After antigen retrieval by exposing to steam for 15 min in 10 mM citrate buffer (pH 6), they were reacted with the anti-TRA54 antibody (Green) at 1/50 dilution and anti-GATA4 antibody (Red). As the 2nd antibody, Donkey anti-rat Alexa Fluor488 and Donkey anti-rabbit Alexa Fluor594 were used. DNA was stained with DAPI (Blue).

Anti-GATA antibody stains nuclei of Sertoli cells in seminiferous tubule while anti-TRA54 antibody stains reproductive cells.

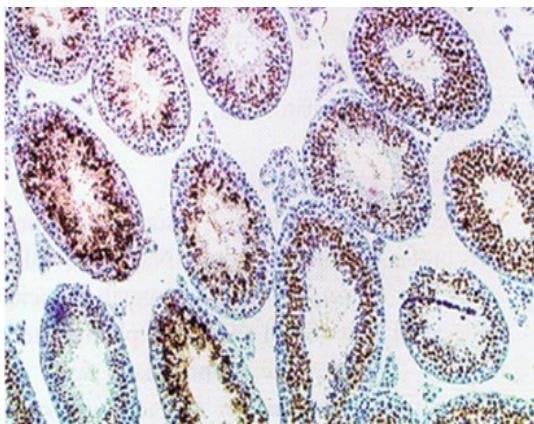


Fig. 3. Immunohistochemical staining of mouse testicular cross-section with TRA54 antibody.

Testis from C57BL/6 adult mouse was fixed in Bouin's solution, followed by paraffin embedding and sectioning. After deparaffinized, sections were treated with normal goat serum, reacted with TRA54 antibody and incubated with biotinylated sheep anti-rat Ig antibody and biotin peroxidase/avidin, followed by incubation with hydrogen peroxide and diaminobenzidine.

Related product: [73-003](#) Anti-Gena (testicular germ cell specific antigen) antibody, clone TRA98

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