

Product Specification Sheet

**Human Ferritin Antibodies**

Cat. # FERT11-A

**Rabbit** anti-human ferritin IgG, pure

**SIZE:** 100 ug

Elemental iron is required for a variety of normal cellular functions and vital for proper growth and development. However, natural iron is quite insoluble and excess iron is harmful, since it can catalyze the formation of potentially damaging reactive oxygen species. Therefore, cells have developed mechanisms to improve solubility of iron and to control intracellular iron levels. The major pool of body iron (~85%; 40-50 mg/kg) is found in circulating hemoglobin and muscle myoglobin. Iron absorption occurs primarily in the intestine (duodenum) and inversely related to body iron reserve. Several proteins including **Ferritin, transferrin (Tf), transferrin receptors (TfRs), and iron regulatory proteins (IRPs)** etc play a key role in iron metabolism.

**Ferritin** is the major protein involved in iron sequestration and detoxification. Ferritin is found in all living species and its three dimensional structure is conserved in all species despite very low sequence identity from bacteria to human. Mammalian liver and spleen ferritin (~450 kDa) consists of 24 subunits of 2 species, **the heavy subunit (~21 kDa; FTH) and the light subunit (~ 19 kDa; FTL)**. The 2 types of apoferritin subunits were designated H and L for heart and liver, respectively. Ferritin molecules from plants and bacteria contain only H-type chains, where 'H-type' is associated with the presence of centers catalyzing the oxidation of two Fe(II) atoms.

**Source of Antigen and Antibodies**

<b>Antigen</b>	Purified <b>human spleen ferritin</b>
<b>Ab Host/type</b>	Rabbit, Polyclonal IgG # FERT11-A
<b>2-Ab</b>	Cat # 20320, goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP (AP, biotin, FITC conjugates also available).
<b>-ve control IgG</b>	Cat # 20009-1, Rabbit (non-immune) Serum IgG, purified, suitable for ELISA, Western, IHC as -ve control

**Form & Storage of Antibodies/Peptide Control**

**IgG (purified)**

100ul solution lyophilized powder  
Supplied in PBS 0.05% azide, **Reconstitute** powder in 100 ul PBS

See Lot specific concn on the vial

**Storage**

**Short-term:** unopened, undiluted liquid vials at -20OC and powder at 4oC or -20oC..

**Long-term:** at -20C or below in suitable aliquots after reconstitution. Do not freeze and thaw and store working, diluted solutions.

**Stability:** 6-12 months at -20oC or below.

**Shipping:** 4oC for solutions and room temp for powder

**Recommended Usage**

**Western Blotting** (1:1K-5K antibody using ECL technique).

**ELISA:** Control protein can be used to coat ELISA plates at 1 ug/ml and detected with antibodies (1:10-50K for neat serum).

**Histochemistry & Immunofluorescence:** Not tested.

**Specificity & Cross-reactivity**

Ferritins are quite conserved among various. The antibody may crossreact with ferritin from mouse, rat and other species. Ferritin from spleen is enriched in "L subunit". However, the antibody specificity with "H subunit has not been studied. ADI offers FTH and FTL subunit specific antibodies and purified proteins for control studies.

**General References:**

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**2. Citations of for ADI Antibodies** (see updates at the web site)

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**Related material available from ADI**

Antibodies NRAMP1/2, MTP1, Transferrin, and receptor, Ferritin, H and L-chain, Hemeoxygenases 1-3, HFE, Dcytb, IRP1 and IRP2, Frataxin

Human Ferritin ELISA Kit

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