

## Human TAFA2/FAM19A2 Alexa Fluor® 647-conjugated Antibody

Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Sheep IgG Catalog Number: AF4179R 100 µg

DESCRIPTION		
Species Reactivity	Human	
Specificity	Detects human TAFA2/FAM19A2 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, less than 2% cross-reactivity with recombinant human TAFA5 is observed.	
Source	Polyclonal Sheep IgG	
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified	
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant human TAFA2/FAM19A2 Ala31-His131 Accession # Q8N3H0	
Conjugate	Alexa Fluor 647 Excitation Wavelength: 650 nm Emission Wavelength: 668 nm	
Formulation	Supplied 0.2mg/ml in 1X PBS with RDF1 and 0.09% Sodium Azide	
	*Contains <0.1% Sodium Azide, which is not hazardous at this concentration according to GHS classifications. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for additional information and handling instructions.	

APPLICATIONS			
Please Note: Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application. General Protocols are available in the Technical Information section on our website.			
Neutralization	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.		
Immunohistochemistry	Optimal dilution of this antibody should be experimentally determined.		

PREPARATION AND STORAGE	
Shipping	The product is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.
Stability & Storage	Protect from light. Do not freeze. 12 months from date of receipt, 2 to 8 °C as supplied

## **BACKGROUND**

TAFA2 (also FAM19A2) is a secreted, 11 kDa member of the FAM19/TAFA family of chemokine-like proteins (1). It is synthesized as a 131 amino acid (aa) precursor that contains a 30 aa signal sequence and a 101 aa mature chain. Like other members of the FAM19/TAFA family, with the exception of TAFA5, mature TAFA1 contains 10 regularly spaced cysteine residues that follow the pattern CX7CCX13CXCX14CX11CX4CX5CX10C, where C represents a conserved cysteine residue and X represents any noncysteine amino acid (1). Human TAFA2 is 97% aa identical to mouse TAFA2 (1). TAFA2 expression can be detected in the central nervous system (CNS), colon, heart, lung, spleen, kidney, and thymus, but its expression in the CNS 50- to 1000-fold higher than in other tissues (1). Within the CNS, TAFA2 expression is highest in the occipital and frontal cortex (3- to 10-fold more abundantly expressed than in other cortical regions) and medulla (1). The biological functions of TAFA family members remain to be determined, but there are a few tentative hypotheses. First, TAFAs may modulate immune responses in the CNS by functioning as brain-specific chemokines, and may act with other chemokines to optimize the recruitment and activity of immune cells in the CNS (1). Second, TAFAs may represent a novel class of neurokines that act as regulators of immune nervous cells (1 - 2). Finally, TAFAs may control axonal sprouting following brain injury (1).

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