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## Hairless Antibody Blocking Peptide

Catalog Number: bs-8507P

Activity: Not tested

Purification: HPLC

Storage: Shipped at 4°C. Stored at -20°C for one year. Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles.

**Background:** Hairless is a 1,189 amino acid protein which is expressed as two isoforms produced by alternative splicing. The two isoforms are expressed in a variety of tissues in varying concentrations. Isoform 1 is more abundant than isoform 2 and is expressed at low levels in kidneys and testis, while isoform 2 is expressed abundantly in skin. Both isoforms are also present together in many tissues and are expressed strongly in small intestine and brain and weakly in trachea. HR is thought to be a transcription factor involved in hair growth. Hair growth occurs in three phases known as anagen, catagen and telogen, which are phases where growth, regression and rest, respectively, are taking place. By unknown mechanisms, HR is thought to regulate one of the hair growth phases and to work with vitamin D receptor (VDR) to regulate hair follicle cycling. Defects in HR may cause two serious ailments, known as alopecia universalis congenita (ALUNC) and atrichia with papular lesions (APL), which is also referred to as congenital atrichia. Both are autosomally recessive impairments. ALUNC is a rare condition in which hair follicles are produced without hair, while APL is a serious disease in which papillary lesions may cover the body and little to no hair is grown.