

LAT1

LAT1 is a heterodimeric membrane transport protein that preferentially transports branched-chain (valine, leucine, isoleucine) and aromatic (tryptophan, tyrosine) amino acids.

LAT is highly expressed in brain capillaries (which form the blood-brain barrier) relative to other tissues.

A functional LAT1 transporter is composed of two proteins encoded by two distinct genes:

4F2hc/CD98 heavy subunit protein encoded by the SLC3A2 gene. CD98 light subunit protein encoded by the SLC7A5 gene.

The overexpression of [LAT1](#) transports in brain metastases make [intracranial metastases](#) a compelling target for [amino acid PET imaging](#) ¹⁾.

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