

GABA_A R_ε (J-24): sc-133604

BACKGROUND

GAD-65 and GAD-67, glutamate decarboxylases function to catalyze the production of GABA (γ-aminobutyric acid). In the central nervous system GABA functions as the main inhibitory transmitter by increasing a Cl⁻ conductance that inhibits neuronal firing. GABA has been shown to activate both ionotropic (GABA_A) and metabotropic (GABA_B) receptors as well as a third class of receptors called GABA_C. Both GABA_A and GABA_C are ligand-gated ion channels, however, they are structurally and functionally distinct. Members of the GABA_A receptor family include GABA_A R_α1-6, GABA_A R_β1-3, GABA_A R_γ1-3, GABA_A R_δ, GABA_A R_ε, GABA_A R_ρ1 and GABA_A R_ρ2. The GABA_B family is composed of GABA_B R1_α and GABA_B R1_β. GABA transporters have also been identified and include GABA T-1, GABA T-2 and GABA T-3 (also designated GAT-1, -2, and -3). The GABA transporters function to terminate GABA action.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: GABRE (human) mapping to Xq28.

SOURCE

GABA_A R_ε (J-24) is an affinity purified rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against synthetic GABA_A R_ε peptide of human origin.

PRODUCT

Each vial contains 50 μg IgG in 500 μl PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide, 0.1% gelatin and < 0.02% sucrose.

STORAGE

Store at 4° C, ****DO NOT FREEZE****. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

APPLICATIONS

GABA_A R_ε (J-24) is recommended for detection of GABA_A R_ε of human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2 μg per 100-500 μg of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)] and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

Suitable for use as control antibody for GABA_A R_ε siRNA (h): sc-42445, GABA_A R_ε shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-42445-SH and GABA_A R_ε shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-42445-V.

Molecular Weight of GABA_A R_ε: 58 kDa.

Positive Controls: JAR cell lysate: sc-2276 or Hep G2 cell lysate: sc-2227.

RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2004 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP: sc-2030 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunoprecipitation: use Protein A/G PLUS-Agarose: sc-2003 (0.5 ml agarose/2.0 ml).

RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.

PROTOCOLS

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