# GABA<sub>A</sub> Rα4 (H-160): sc-20917



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## **BACKGROUND**

GAD-65 and GAD-67, glutamate decarboxylases function to catalyze the production of GABA ( $\gamma$ -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<sub>A</sub>) and metabotropic (GABA<sub>B</sub>) receptors as well as a third class of receptors called GABA<sub>C</sub>. Both GABA<sub>A</sub> and GABA<sub>C</sub> are ligand-gated ion channels, however, they are structurally and functionally distinct. Members of the GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor family include GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1-6, GABA<sub>A</sub> R  $\beta$ 1-3, GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\gamma$ 1-3, GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\delta$ 8, GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\delta$ 8, GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\delta$ 9, and GABA<sub>B</sub> R $\delta$ 9. The GABA<sub>B</sub> family is composed of GABA<sub>B</sub> R $\delta$ 1 and GABA<sub>B</sub> R $\delta$ 1. GABA transporters have also been identified and include GABA transporters function to terminate GABA action.

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## **SOURCE**

GABA $_A$  R $\alpha$ 4 (H-160) is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against amino acids 355-514 of GABA $_\Delta$  Ra4 of human origin.

## **PRODUCT**

Each vial contains 200  $\mu g$  lgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

# **STORAGE**

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

# **PROTOCOLS**

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#### **APPLICATIONS**

GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 4 (H-160) is recommended for detection of GABA<sub>A</sub> Ra4 of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), immunoprecipitation [1-2  $\mu$ g per 100-500  $\mu$ g of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)], immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

Suitable for use as control antibody for GABAA R $\alpha$ 4 siRNA (h): sc-35433, GABAA R $\alpha$ 4 siRNA (m): sc-35434, GABAA R $\alpha$ 4 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-35433-SH, GABAA R $\alpha$ 4 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-35434-SH, GABAA R $\alpha$ 4 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35433-V and GABAA R $\alpha$ 4 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35434-V.

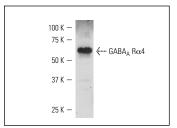
Molecular Weight of GABA $_{\Delta}$  Rlpha4: 70 kDa.

Positive Controls: H4 cell lysate: sc-2408.

## **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). 3) Immunofluorescence: use goat anti-rabbit IgG-FITC: sc-2012 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-rabbit IgG-TR: sc-2780 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

## DATA



GABA R $\alpha$ 4 (H-160): sc-20917. Western blot analysis of GABA R $\alpha$ 4 expression in H4 whole cell lysate.

## **RESEARCH USE**

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