

# GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> (H-115): sc-25708

## 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<sup>-</sup> 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 $\delta$ , GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\epsilon$ , GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\rho$ 1 and GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\rho$ 2 and GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\pi$ . In the uterus, the function of the  $\pi$  receptor appears to be related to tissue contractility. The binding of this  $\pi$  subunit with other GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor subunits alters the sensitivity of recombinant receptors to modulatory agents such as pregnanolone.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: GABRP (human) mapping to 5q35.1; Gabrp (mouse) mapping to 11 A4.

## SOURCE

GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> (H-115) is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against amino acids 326-440 mapping at the C-terminus of GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> of human origin.

## PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgG 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.

## APPLICATIONS

GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> (H-115) is recommended for detection of GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> 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) immunohistochemistry (including paraffin-embedded sections) (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> (H-115) is also recommended for detection of GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> in additional species, including equine, canine, bovine and porcine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> siRNA (h): sc-43788, GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43788-SH and GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43788-V.

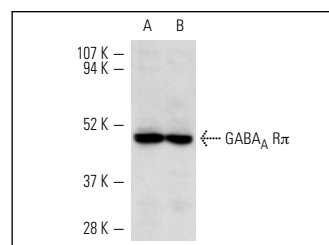
Molecular Weight of GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub>: 50 kDa.

Positive controls: MES-SA/Dx5 cell lysate: sc-2284, LNCaP cell lysate: sc-2231 or JAR cell lysate: sc-2276.

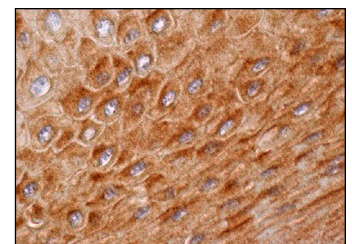
## RECOMMENDED SECONDARY REAGENTS

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. 4) Immunohistochemistry: use ImmunoCruz™: sc-2051 or ABC: sc-2018 rabbit IgG Staining Systems.

## DATA



GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> (H-115): sc-25708. Western blot analysis of GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> expression in MES-SA/Dx5 (A) and JAR (B) whole cell lysates.



GABA<sub>A</sub> R<sub>π</sub> (H-115): sc-25708. Immunoperoxidase staining of formalin fixed, paraffin-embedded human oral mucosa tissue showing cytoplasmic staining of squamous epithelial cells.

## RESEARCH USE

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