# AChRα1 (H-81): sc-292790



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#### **BACKGROUND**

Members of the ligand-gated ion channel receptor family are characterized by their fast transmitting response to neurotransmitters. Two important members of this family are the nicotinic acetylcholine and glutamate receptors, both of which are composed of five homologous subunits forming a transmembrane aqueous pore. These transmembrane receptors change conformation in response to their cognate neurotransmitter. Nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (AChRs) are found at the postsynaptic membrane of the neuromuscular junction and bind acetylcholine molecules, allowing ions to move through the pore. Glutamate receptors are found in the postsynaptic membrane of cells in the central nervous system. The activity that is generated at the synapse by the binding of acetylcholine is terminated by acetylcholinesterase, an enzyme that rapidly hydrolyzes acetylcholine. AChR $\alpha$ 1, also known as ACHRD, CHRNA, CMS2A, FCCMS, SCCMS or CHRNA1, is a 482 amino acid multi-pass membrane protein that exists as 2 alternatively spliced isoforms, which are expressed in different tissues. Isoform 1 is only expressed in skeletal muscle whereas isoform 2 is constitutively expressed in skeletal muscle, brain, heart, kidney, liver, lung and thymus.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: CHRNA1 (human) mapping to 2q31.1; Chrna1 (mouse) mapping to 2 C3.

#### SOURCE

AChR $\alpha$ 1 (H-81) is a rabbit polyclonal antibody raised against amino acids 347-427 mapping near the C-terminus of AChR $\alpha$ 1 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.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

AChR $\alpha$ 1 (H-81) is recommended for detection of AChR $\alpha$ 1 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).

AChR $\alpha$ 1 (H-81) is also recommended for detection of AChR $\alpha$ 1 in additional species, including equine, canine, bovine and porcine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for AChR $\alpha$ 1 siRNA (h): sc-42524, AChR $\alpha$ 1 siRNA (m): sc-42525, AChR $\alpha$ 1 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-42524-SH, AChR $\alpha$ 1 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-42525-SH, AChR $\alpha$ 1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-42524-V and AChR $\alpha$ 1 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-42525-V.

Molecular Weight of AChRα1 isoform 1: 52 kDa.

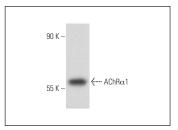
Molecular Weight of AChRα1 isoform 2: 55 kDa.

Positive Controls: mouse skeletal muscle extract: sc-364250.

#### **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



AChR $\alpha$ 1 (H-81): sc-292790. Western blot analysis of AChR $\alpha$ 1 expression in mouse skeletal muscle tissue extract

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