

# GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 (D-18): sc-31404

## 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. The GABA<sub>B</sub> family is composed of GABA<sub>B</sub> R1 $\alpha$  and GABA<sub>B</sub> R1 $\beta$ . 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: GABRA1 (human) mapping to 5q34; Gabra1 (mouse) mapping to 11 A5.

## SOURCE

GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 (D-18) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping within a cytoplasmic domain of GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 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.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-31404 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

## 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 $\alpha$ 1 (D-18) is recommended for detection of GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 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).

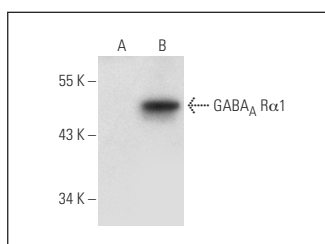
GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 (D-18) is also recommended for detection of GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 in additional species, including equine, canine, bovine and porcine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 siRNA (h): sc-42425, GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 siRNA (m): sc-42426, GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-42425-SH, GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-42426-SH, GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-42425-V and GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-42426-V.

Molecular Weight of GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1: 51 kDa.

Positive Controls: mouse cerebellum extract: sc-2403, rat brain extract: sc-2392 or GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 (h): 293T Lysate: sc-171608.

## DATA



GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 (D-18): sc-31404. Western blot analysis of GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 expression in non-transfected: sc-117752 (A) and human GABA<sub>A</sub> R $\alpha$ 1 transfected: sc-171608 (B) 293T whole cell lysates.

## RESEARCH USE

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