

GABA_A R π (K-20): sc-31444

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 α 1-6, GABA_A R β 1-3, GABA_A R γ 1-3, GABA_A R δ , GABA_A R ϵ , GABA_A R ρ 1 and GABA_A R ρ 2 and GABA_A R π . In the uterus, the function of the π receptor appears to be related to tissue contractility. The binding of this π subunit with other GABA_A 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_A R π (K-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping within a cytoplasmic domain of GABA_A R π of human origin.

PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200 μ g IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-31444 P, (100 μ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

APPLICATIONS

GABA_A R π (K-20) is recommended for detection of GABA_A R π subunit of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000), 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_A R π (K-20) is also recommended for detection of GABA_A R π in additional species, including equine, canine, bovine and porcine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for GABA_A R π siRNA (h): sc-43788, GABA_A R π shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-43788-SH and GABA_A R π shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-43788-V.

Molecular Weight of GABA_A R π : 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 donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2020 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:100,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible donkey anti-goat IgG-HRP: sc-2033 (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) Immunofluorescence: use donkey anti-goat IgG-FITC: sc-2024 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or donkey anti-goat IgG-TR: sc-2783 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

STORAGE

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

RESEARCH USE

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

PROTOCOLS

See our web site at www.scbt.com or our catalog for detailed protocols and support products.