# GFRα-4 (C-15): sc-46986



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# **BACKGROUND**

Glial cell line-derived neurotrophic factor (GDNF) and the related neurotrophic factor neurturin (NTN) are potent survival factors for central and peripheral neurons. Receptors for these factors include GFR $\alpha$ -1 (previously designated GDNFR- $\alpha$ ), GFR $\alpha$ -2 (also designated RETL2), GFR $\alpha$ -3 and GFR $\alpha$ -4 (also known as persephin receptor). The receptors do not contain transmembrane domains and are attached to the cell membrane by glycosylphosphoinositol linkage. Binding of GDNF or NTN to one of these receptors leads to the activation of the tyrosine kinase Ret. GFR $\alpha$ -4 mediates the activation and GDNF-induced autophosphorylation of the RET receptor. It is mainly expressed in the adult thyroid gland, but lower levels may also be detected in fetal adrenal and thyroid glands.

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# **CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: GFRA4 (mouse) mapping to 2 F1.

# **SOURCE**

GFR $\alpha$ -4 (C-15) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping at the N-terminus of mature GFR $\alpha$ -4 and GFR $\alpha$ -4 precursor of mouse origin.

#### **RESEARCH USE**

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

#### **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-46986 P, (100  $\mu$ g peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

# **APPLICATIONS**

GFR $\alpha$ -4 (C-15) is recommended for detection of GFR $\alpha$ -4 isoforms A1, A2, B1 and B2 of mouse and rat 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 GFRå-4 siRNA (m): sc-60684; and as shRNA Plasmid control antibody for GFRå-4 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-60684-SH.

Molecular Weight of unglycosylated GFRlpha-4: 29 kDa.

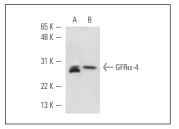
Molecular Weight of glycosylated GFR $\alpha$ -4: 33 kDa.

Positive Controls: EOC 20 whole cell lysate and BC3H1 whole cell lysate.

# **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) Immunoprecipitation: use Protein A/G PLUS-Agarose: sc-2003 (0.5 ml agarose/2.0 ml). 3) 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.

# **DATA**



GFR $\alpha$ -4 (C-15): sc-46986. Western blot analysis of GFR $\alpha$ -4 expression in EOC 20 (**A**) and BC3H1 (**B**) whole cell lysates.

### **STORAGE**

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