



## AChR $\gamma$ (162): sc-65797

### 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 $\gamma$  is a 517 amino acid member of the acetylcholine receptor family that plays a role in ligand binding and neuromuscular organogenesis. Mutations in the gene that encodes AChR $\gamma$  result in Escobar syndrome and a lethal form of multiple pterygium syndrome.

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### SOURCE

AChR $\gamma$  (162) is a rat monoclonal antibody raised against denatured, purified AChR of *Torpedo* origin.

### PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgM in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

### PROTOCOLS

See our web site at [www.scbt.com](http://www.scbt.com) for detailed protocols and support products.

### APPLICATIONS

AChR $\gamma$  (162) is recommended for detection of nicotinic AChR $\gamma$  of *Torpedo* origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000) and immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

Molecular Weight of AChR $\gamma$ : 58 kDa.

### 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.