

GABA_A Rα6 (N-19): sc-7359

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 Rα1-6, GABA_A R β1-3, GABA_A Rγ1-3, GABA_A Rδ, GABA_A Rε, GABA_A Rρ1 and GABA_A Rρ2. The GABA_B family is composed of GABA_B R1α and GABA_B R1β. 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: GABRA6 (human) mapping to 5q34; Gabra6 (mouse) mapping to 11 A5.

SOURCE

GABA_A Rα6 (N-19) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping at the N-terminus of GABA_A Rα6 of human origin.

PRODUCT

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

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-7359 P, (100 µg peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

APPLICATIONS

GABA_A Rα6 (N-19) is recommended for detection of GABA_A Rα6 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 Rα6 (N-19) is also recommended for detection of GABA_A Rα6 in additional species, including equine and porcine.

Suitable for use as control antibody for GABA_A Rα6 siRNA (h): sc-42435, GABA_A Rα6 siRNA (m): sc-42436, GABA_A Rα6 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-42435-SH, GABA_A Rα6 shRNA Plasmid (m): sc-42436-SH, GABA_A Rα6 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-42435-V and GABA_A Rα6 shRNA (m) Lentiviral Particles: sc-42436-V.

Molecular Weight of GABA_A Rα6: 57-58 kDa.

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.

SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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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

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