

# GFR $\alpha$ -2 (C-20): sc-7414

## BACKGROUND

Glial cell line-derived neurotrophic factor (GDNF) and the related neurotrophic factor neurturin (NTN) are potent survival factors for central and peripheral neurons. GDNF is a glycosylated, disulfide-bonded homodimer that is distantly related to the TGF $\beta$  superfamily of growth factors. Three receptors for these factors, GFR $\alpha$ -1 (also designated GDNFR- $\alpha$ , RETL1 or TrnR-1), GFR $\alpha$ -2 (also designated GDNFR- $\beta$ , RETL2, NTNR- $\alpha$  or TrnR-2) and GFR $\alpha$ -3 have been identified. The receptors do not contain transmembrane domains and are attached to the cell membrane by glycosyl-phosphoinositol linkage. Both GFR $\alpha$ -1 and GFR $\alpha$ -2 have been shown to mediate the GDNF-dependent and NTN-dependent phosphorylation and activation of the tyrosine kinase Ret. GFR $\alpha$ -3 is expressed only during development.

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## CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: GFRA2 (human) mapping to 8p21.3.

## SOURCE

GFR $\alpha$ -2 (C-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping at the C-terminus of GFR $\alpha$ -2 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-7414 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

GFR $\alpha$ -2 (C-20) is recommended for detection of GFR $\alpha$ -2 and propeptide of 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).

Suitable for use as control antibody for GFR $\alpha$ -2 siRNA (h): sc-35471, GFR $\alpha$ -2 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-35471-SH and GFR $\alpha$ -2 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-35471-V.

Molecular Weight of GFR $\alpha$ -2: 72 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.

## DATA



GFR $\alpha$ -2 (C-20): sc-7414. Immunofluorescence staining of methanol-fixed SK-N-SH cells showing membrane localization.

## SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS

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## RESEARCH USE

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