



## AChR $\alpha$ 8 (305): sc-58608

### 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 $\alpha$ 8 is a 456 amino acid multi-pass membrane protein belonging to the ligand-gated ionic channel family.

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### SOURCE

AChR $\alpha$ 8 (305) is a rat monoclonal antibody raised against full length native AChR $\alpha$ 8 from brain tissue homogenate of chicken origin.

### PRODUCT

Each vial contains 200  $\mu$ g IgG<sub>2c</sub> in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

### STORAGE

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

### APPLICATIONS

AChR $\alpha$ 8 (305) is recommended for detection of native nicotinic AChR $\alpha$ 8 of avian origin by immunoprecipitation [1-2  $\mu$ g per 100-500  $\mu$ g of total protein (1 ml of cell lysate)] and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).

Molecular Weight of AChR $\alpha$ 8: 53 kDa.

### RESEARCH USE

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

### PROTOCOLS

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