

GABAA Receptor, α 4-Subunit Antibody
Affinity purified rabbit polyclonal antibody
Catalog # AN1039

Specification

GABAA Receptor, α 4-Subunit Antibody - Product Information

Application	WB
Primary Accession	P28471
Reactivity	Rat
Host	Rabbit
Clonality	polyclonal
Calculated MW	64 KDa

GABAA Receptor, α 4-Subunit Antibody - Additional Information

Gene ID	140675
Gene Name	GABRA4
Other Names	
Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor subunit alpha-4, GABA(A) receptor subunit alpha-4, Gabra4	

Target/Specificity

Fusion protein from the cytoplasmic loop of the alpha 4 subunit.

Dilution

WB~~ 1:1000

Format

Prepared from rabbit serum by affinity purification using a column to which the fusion protein immunogen was coupled.

Antibody Specificity

Specific for the ~64k α 4-subunit of the GABAA receptor in Western blots.

Storage

Maintain refrigerated at 2-8°C for up to 6 months. For long term storage store at -20°C in small aliquots to prevent freeze-thaw cycles.

Precautions

GABAA Receptor, α 4-Subunit Antibody is for research use only and not for use in diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.

Shipping

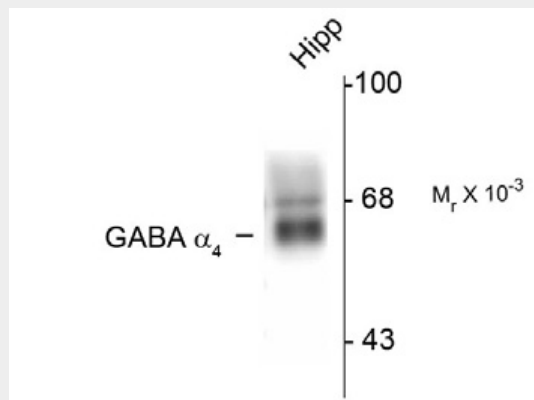
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GABAA Receptor, α 4-Subunit Antibody - Protocols

Provided below are standard protocols that you may find useful for product applications.

- [Western Blot](#)
- [Blocking Peptides](#)
- [Dot Blot](#)
- [Immunohistochemistry](#)
- [Immunofluorescence](#)
- [Immunoprecipitation](#)
- [Flow Cytometry](#)
- [Cell Culture](#)

GABAA Receptor, $\alpha 4$ -Subunit Antibody - Images



Western blot of rat hippocampal (Hipp) lysate showing specific immunolabeling of the ~64k $\alpha 4$ -subunit of the GABAA-R.

GABAA Receptor, $\alpha 4$ -Subunit Antibody - Background

Gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) is the primary inhibitory neurotransmitter in the central nervous system, causing a hyperpolarization of the membrane through the opening of a Cl⁻ channel associated with the GABAA receptor (GABAA-R) subtype. GABAA-Rs are important therapeutic targets for a range of sedative, anxiolytic, and hypnotic agents and are implicated in several diseases including epilepsy, anxiety, depression, and substance abuse. The GABAA-R is a multimeric subunit complex. To date six α s, four β s and four γ s, plus alternative splicing variants of some of these subunits, have been identified (Olsen and Tobin, 1990; Whiting et al., 1999; Ogris et al., 2004). Injection in oocytes or mammalian cell lines of cRNA coding for α - and β -subunits results in the expression of functional GABAA-Rs sensitive to GABA. However, coexpression of a γ -subunit is required for benzodiazepine modulation. The various effects of the benzodiazepines in brain may also be mediated via different α -subunits of the receptor (McKernan et al., 2000; Mehta and Ticku, 1998; Ogris et al., 2004; Pörtl et al., 2003).

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