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Anti-GABA_A Receptor, δ -Subunit, N-Terminus

Catalog Number: 868-GDN

Size: 100 μ l

\$310.00

Product Description: Affinity purified rabbit polyclonal antibody

Applications: **WB:** 1:1000

IHC (frozen sections; Korpi et al. 2002): 1:250

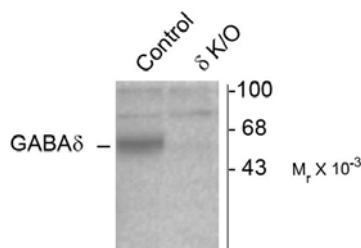
IP: 10 μ l per 50 μ g lysate

Antigen: Fusion protein from the N-terminus of the δ -subunit of rat GABA_A receptor.

Species reactivity: The antibody has been directly tested for reactivity in Western blots with rat and mouse tissue.

Biological Significance: *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 GABA_A receptor (GABA_A-R) subtype. GABA_A-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 GABA_A-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 GABA_A-Rs sensitive to GABA. However, co-expression 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). More recently there have been a number of studies demonstrating that the δ -subunit of the receptor may affect subunit assembly (Korpi et al., 2002) and may also confer differential sensitivity to neurosteroids and to ethanol (Wallner et al., 2003; Wohlfarth et al., 2002).

Anti-GABA_A Receptor, δ -Subunit



Western blot of mouse cerebellar lysates from wild type (Control) and δ -knockout (δ -K/O) animals showing specific immunolabeling of the ~52k δ -subunit of the GABA_A-R. The labeling was absent from a lysate prepared from δ -knockout animals.

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Packaging: 100 μ l in 10 mM HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 μ g per ml BSA and 50% glycerol. Adequate amount of material to conduct 10-mini Western Blots.

Storage and Stability. For long term storage -20°C is recommended. Stable at -20°C for at least 1 year.

Shipment: Domestic - Blue Ice; International - Blue Ice or Dry Ice.

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

Antibody Specificity: Specific for the ~52k δ -subunit of the GABA_A receptor.

Quality Control Tests: Western blots performed on each lot.

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