

## Human CNTFR alpha Antibody

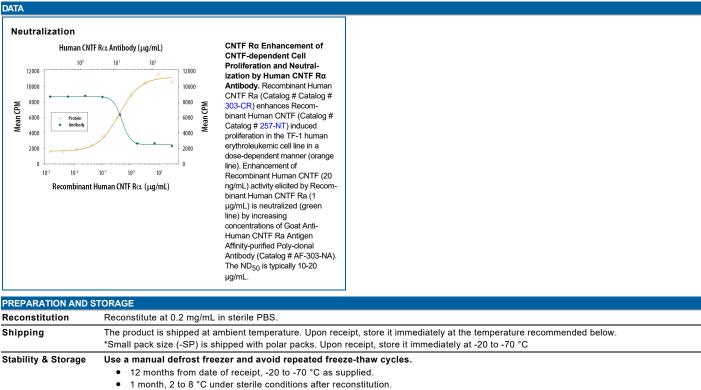
Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Goat IgG Catalog Number: AF-303-NA

#### DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human	
Specificity	Detects human CNTF Rα in direct ELISAs and Western blots.	
Source	Polyclonal Goat IgG	
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified	
Immunogen	S. <i>frugiperda</i> insect ovarian cell line <i>Sf</i> 21-derived recombinant human CNTF Rα Gln23-Pro346 (predicted) Accession # P26992	
Endotoxin Level	<0.10 EU per 1 $\mu$ g of the antibody by the LAL method.	
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 μm filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *Small pack size (-SP) is supplied either Iyophilized or as a 0.2 μm filtered solution in PBS.	

#### APPLICATIONS

Please Note: Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application. General Protocols are available in the Technical Information section on our website.			
	Recommended Concentration	Sample	
Western Blot	0.1 µg/mL	Recombinant Human CNTF Rα (Catalog # 303-CR)	
Neutralization	Measured by its ability to neutralize CNTF Rα-enhanced proliferation in the TF-1 human erythroleukemic cell line. The Neutralization Dose (ND <sub>50</sub> ) is typically 10-20 μg/mL in the presence of 1 μg/mL Recombinant Human CNTF Rα and 20 ng/mL Recombinant Human CNTF.		



- 6 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution. ٠

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### BACKGROUND

The high-affinity CNTF receptor complex, which mediates the biological action of CNTF, contains three proteins: the ligand-binding  $\alpha$  subunit (CNTF R $\alpha$ ), and the two signal-transducing proteins LIF R $\beta$  and gp130. Whereas LIF R $\beta$  and gp130 are widely expressed in many cell types, the expression of CNTF R $\alpha$  is restricted to the central and peripheral nervous systems. cDNAs encoding human and rat CNTF R $\alpha$  share 94% amino acid (aa) sequence identity. Human CNTF R $\alpha$  cDNA encodes a 372 aa precursor protein with a 22 aa residue signal peptide and four potential glycoslyation sites. CNTF R $\alpha$  differs from other cytokine receptors in that it lacks transmembrane and cytoplasmic domains and is anchored to cell membranes by a glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI) linkage. Similar to other GPI-linked proteins, soluble CNTF receptor  $\alpha$  (CNTF sR $\alpha$ ) can be released from the cell surface by phosphatidylinositol-specific phospholipase C. CNTF sR $\alpha$  can be released from skeletal muscle in response to peripheral nerve injury and high concentrations of CNTF sR $\alpha$  have also been detected in human cerebrospinal fluid. CNTF sR $\alpha$  binds CNTF in solution and the complex can act on cells that express only LIF R $\beta$  and gp130 but not CNTF R $\alpha$ .

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