Human GFRα-1/GDNF Rα-1 Antibody

Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Goat IgG
Catalog Number: AF714

DESCRIPTION

Species Reactivity	Human
Specificity	Detects human GFRα-1/GDNF Rα-1 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, approximately 10% cross-reactivity with recombinant rat GFRα-1 is observed and less than 5% cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) GFRα-2, rhGFRα-3, and rhGFRα-4 is observed.
Source	Polyclonal Goat IgG
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified
Immunogen	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant human GFRα−1/GDNF Rα−1 Met1-Lys429 Accession # NP_665736
Endotoxin Level	<0.10 EU per 1 µg 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 as a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS.

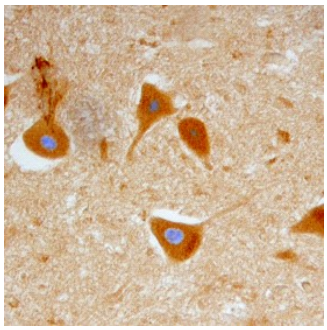
APPLICATIONS

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 GFRα−1/GDNF Rα−1 Fc Chimera (Catalog # 714-GR)
Immunohistochemistry	5-15 µg/mL	See Below

DATA

Immunohistochemistry



GFRα-1/GDNF Rα-1 in Human Spinal Cord. GFRα-1/GDNF Rα-1 was detected in immersion fixed paraffin-embedded sections of human spinal cord using Goat Anti-Human GFRα-1/GDNF Rα-1 Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF714) at 15 µg/mL overnight at 4 °C. Tissue was stained using the Anti-Goat HRP-DAB Cell & Tissue Staining Kit (brown; Catalog # CTS008) and counterstained with hematoxylin (blue). Specific staining was localized to ventral horn motoneurons. View our protocol for Chromogenic IHC Staining of Paraffin-embedded Tissue Sections.

PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Reconstitution	Reconstitute at 0.2 mg/mL in sterile PBS.
Shipping	The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below. *Small pack size (-SP) is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at -20 to -70 °C
Stability & Storage	**Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.** ● 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied. ● 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution. ● 6 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

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BACKGROUND

Glial cell line-derived growth factor (GDNF), neurturin (NTN), artemin and persephin are distant members of the TGF-β superfamily. They function as neurotrophic factors for a variety of neuronal populations in the central and peripheral nervous systems. The bioactivities of GDNF and NTN are mediated through a receptor complex composed of the non ligand-binding signaling subunit (c-Ret receptor tyrosine kinase) and either of two ligand binding subunits [GDNF receptor α-1 (GFRα-1) or GFRα-2]. GFRα-1 and -2 are members of a family of at least four cysteine-rich glycosyl-phosphatidylinositol (GPI)-linked cell surface proteins that share conserved placements of many of their cysteine residues. Binding of GDNF to membrane-associated GFRα-1 or GFRα-2 initiates the association with and activation of the Ret tyrosine kinase. Soluble GFRαs released enzymatically from the cell surface-associated protein with phosphatidylinositol phospholipase C, as well as recombinantly produced soluble GFRα-1, can also bind with high-affinity to GDNF and trigger the activation of Ret tyrosine kinase.

Human GFRα-1 cDNA encodes a 465 amino acid (aa) residue protein with an N-terminal 24 aa residue hydrophobic signal peptide. Like other GPI-linked proteins, human GFRα-1 has a C-terminal hydrophobic region which is preceded by a three aa residue (ASS) GPI-binding site. Human GFRα-1 shares 93% aa identity with rat GFRα-1. The expression of the various GFRαs are differentially regulated in the central and peripheral nervous system, suggesting complementary roles for the GFRαs in mediating the activities of the GDNF family of neurotrophic factors.

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