

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Species Reactivity</b>	Human
<b>Specificity</b>	Detects human GFR $\alpha$ -1/GDNF R $\alpha$ -1 in direct ELISAs and Western blots. In direct ELISAs, approximately 10% cross-reactivity with recombinant rat GFR $\alpha$ -1 is observed and less than 5% cross-reactivity with recombinant human (rh) GFR $\alpha$ -2, rhGFR $\alpha$ -3, and rhGFR $\alpha$ -4 is observed.
<b>Source</b>	Polyclonal Goat IgG
<b>Purification</b>	Antigen Affinity-purified
<b>Immunogen</b>	Mouse myeloma cell line NS0-derived recombinant human GFR $\alpha$ -1/GDNF R $\alpha$ -1 Met1-Lys429 Accession # NP_665736
<b>Endotoxin Level</b>	<0.10 EU per 1 $\mu$ g of the antibody by the LAL method.
<b>Formulation</b>	Lyophilized from a 0.2 $\mu$ m filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *Small pack size (-SP) is supplied either lyophilized or as a 0.2 $\mu$ m filtered solution in PBS.

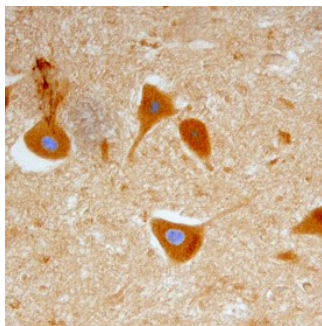
## APPLICATIONS

**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.

	<b>Recommended Concentration</b>	<b>Sample</b>
<b>Western Blot</b>	0.1 $\mu$ g/mL	Recombinant Human GFR $\alpha$ -1/GDNF R $\alpha$ -1 Fc Chimera (Catalog # 714-GR)
<b>Immunohistochemistry</b>	5-15 $\mu$ g/mL	See Below

## DATA

### Immunohistochemistry



**GFR $\alpha$ -1/GDNF R $\alpha$ -1 in Human Spinal Cord.** GFR $\alpha$ -1/GDNF R $\alpha$ -1 was detected in immersion fixed paraffin-embedded sections of human spinal cord using Goat Anti-Human GFR $\alpha$ -1/GDNF R $\alpha$ -1 Antigen Affinity-purified Polyclonal Antibody (Catalog # AF714) at 15  $\mu$ g/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

<b>Reconstitution</b>	Reconstitute at 0.2 mg/mL in sterile PBS.
<b>Shipping</b>	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
<b>Stability &amp; Storage</b>	<b>Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied.</li> <li>● 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.</li> <li>● 6 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.</li> </ul>

## BACKGROUND

Glial cell line-derived growth factor (GDNF), neurturin (NTN), artemin and persephin are distant members of the TGF- $\beta$  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  $\alpha$ -1 (GFR $\alpha$ -1) or GFR $\alpha$ -2]. GFR $\alpha$ -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 GFR $\alpha$ -1 or GFR $\alpha$ -2 initiates the association with and activation of the Ret tyrosine kinase. Soluble GFR $\alpha$ s released enzymatically from the cell surface-associated protein with phosphatidylinositol phospholipase C, as well as recombinantly produced soluble GFR $\alpha$ -1, can also bind with high-affinity to GDNF and trigger the activation of Ret tyrosine kinase.

Human GFR $\alpha$ -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 GFR $\alpha$ -1 has a C-terminal hydrophobic region which is preceded by a three aa residue (ASS) GPI-binding site. Human GFR $\alpha$ -1 shares 93% aa identity with rat GFR $\alpha$ -1. The expression of the various GFR $\alpha$ s are differentially regulated in the central and peripheral nervous system, suggesting complementary roles for the GFR $\alpha$ s in mediating the activities of the GDNF family of neurotrophic factors.

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