

DESCRIPTION

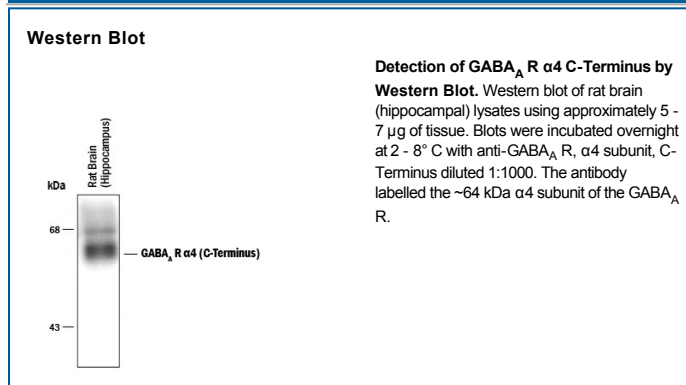
Species Reactivity	Human/Mouse/Rat/Bovine/Canine/Primate/Zebrafish
Specificity	Human, mouse, rat, and bovine ~64 kDa GABA _A R α4 subunit, C-Terminus
Source	Polyclonal Rabbit IgG
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified
Immunogen	Fusion protein from the cytosolic loop of rat GABA _A R α4 subunit, C-Terminus
Formulation	100 µL in 10 mM HEPES (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 100 µg/mL BSA and 50% glycerol. See Certificate of Analysis for details.

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	1:1000 dilution	See Below

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PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Shipping	The product is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below.
Stability & Storage	For long-term storage, ≤ -20° C is recommended. Product is stable at ≤ -20° C for at least 1 year.

BACKGROUND

GABA_A (γ-aminobutyric acid-type A) receptors are members of the cysteine-loop family of neurotransmitter-gated ion channels. GABA binding to A-type receptors induces anion-selective ion channel opening. These receptors are the principal fast inhibitory neurotransmitter receptors in the CNS. GABA_A receptors are heteropentamer combinations of seven subunit types; α, β, γ, δ, ε, θ, and π. Three subunits, α, β, and γ, have at least three separate gene products in mammals, and typical GABA_A receptors have some combination of α, β and γ subunits. The rat α4 isoform is a 67 kDa, 517 amino acid (aa), 4 transmembrane protein with two terminal extracellular regions. The ligand-binding region is in the N-terminus (aa 14 - 221). The α4 subunit is unusual in that it does not seem to preferentially form channel complexes with the γ subunit. In hippocampal neurons, α4 subunits apparently form GABA receptors that do not cluster, but exist in diffuse networks in nonsynaptic membrane.

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