



## RABBIT ANTI-GABA(A) $\alpha$ 1 AFFINITY PURIFIED POLYCLONAL ANTIBODY

<b>CATALOG NUMBER:</b>	AB5592-50UL
<b>LOT NUMBER:</b>	
<b>QUANTITY:</b>	50 $\mu$ L
<b>CONCENTRATION:</b>	0.7 mg/mL (after reconstitution)
<b>SPECIFICITY:</b>	Recognizes GABA(A) $\alpha$ 1 ( $\gamma$ -aminobutyric acid receptor type A $\alpha$ 1 subunit, GABRA1). The epitope shares little homology with $\alpha$ 5 and $\alpha$ 2 subunits (respectively, 9/16 and 8/16 residues identical). Does not share homology with any other known proteins.
<b>IMMUNOGEN:</b>	Peptide corresponding to amino acids 28-43 from mouse or rat GABA(A) $\alpha$ 1 subunit (Accession P18504).
<b>APPLICATIONS:</b>	Western blot: 1:400-1:1000 using ECL on rat brain membranes. Immunohistochemistry on rat brain sections. Dilutions should be made using a carrier protein such as BSA (1-3%) Optimal working dilutions must be determined by the end user.
<b>CONTROL ANTIGEN:</b>	Included free of charge with the antibody is XX $\mu$ g of control antigen (lyophilized powder). The stock solution of the antigen can be made up using 100 $\mu$ L of sterile deionized water. For negative control, preincubate 1 $\mu$ g of peptide with 1 $\mu$ g of antibody for one hour at room temperature. Optimal concentrations must be determined by the end user.
<b>SPECIES REACTIVITIES:</b>	Rat. Other species have not been tested. It is expected that the antibody will also work on mouse due to sequence homology. The epitope is highly conserved in human and bovine (16/17) and chicken (14/17).
<b>FORMAT:</b>	Affinity purified immunoglobulin.
<b>PRESENTATION:</b>	Lyophilized from phosphate buffered saline, pH 7.4, containing 1% BSA and 0.05% sodium azide as a preservative. Reconstitute with 50 $\mu$ L of sterile deionized water. Centrifuge antibody preparation before use (10,000 xg for 5 min).
<b>STORAGE/HANDLING:</b>	Maintain lyophilized material at -20°C for up to 12 months after date of receipt. After reconstitution maintain at -20°C in undiluted aliquots for up to 6 months. Avoid repeated freeze/thaw cycles.



## SUGGESTED WESTERN BLOT PROTOCOL

1. Mix the samples (organ membranes: 50 µg/lane; transfected cells: 500,000 cells/lane) with sample-buffer X 2, and heat 10 min at 70°C.
2. 5-50 µL applied to Minigel lane (0.75-1.5 mm width) and run at standard conditions. (60 mA for 2 1.5 mm Minigel gels, 1.4 h). It is suggested that you run 5-15% acrylamide (37.5:1 acrylamide:bisacrylamide) minigel (1.5 mm width) at 30 mA/gel ~1-1.5 hours.
3. Transfer in semi-dry system under standard conditions (3 h 100 mA for two minigel gels)
4. Stain the transferred bands with Millipore BLOT-*FastStain* (Catalog Number 2076).
5. Destain with deionized water.
6. Block with 5% non-fat milk (Marvel or Carnation) in PBS, and 0.025 % sodium azide, overnight at 2-8°C. The non-fat milk should be dissolved freshly, centrifuged 10,000 rpm for 10 min, and filtered through glass filter (Gelman Acrodisc).
7. Incubation with first antibody 2 h at room temperature or overnight at 4°C in blocking solution. The antibody preparation should be centrifuged before use (10,000 g 5 min.). Optimal working dilutions and incubation time will need to be determined by the end user.
8. Wash 4 x 10 min. with PBS-0.1% tween 20. From this stage, azide should be omitted.
9. Incubation with the secondary antibody (HRP-conjugated goat anti-rabbit antibody, for example Millipore Catalog Number AP132P, diluted appropriately) 1 h at room temperature.
10. Wash 4 x 10 min. with PBS-0.1% tween 20.
11. Perform ECL with commercial kits (Chemilucifer, Millipore Catalog Number 2600).

**Important Note:** *During shipment, small volumes of product will occasionally become entrapped in the seal of the product vial. For products with volumes of 200 µL or less, we recommend gently tapping the vial on a hard surface or briefly centrifuging the vial in a tabletop centrifuge to dislodge any liquid in the container's cap.*

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