

**GABAA Receptor,  $\alpha$ 3-Subunit Antibody**  
**Affinity purified rabbit polyclonal antibody**  
**Catalog # AN1136****Specification**

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**GABAA Receptor,  $\alpha$ 3-Subunit Antibody - Product Information**

Application	WB, IHC
Primary Accession	<a href="#">P20236</a>
Reactivity	Mouse, Rat
Predicted	Bovine, Human, Monkey, Zebrafish
Host	Rabbit
Clonality	polyclonal
Calculated MW	51 KDa

**GABAA Receptor,  $\alpha$ 3-Subunit Antibody - Additional Information**

Gene ID	24947
Gene Name	GABRA3
<b>Other Names</b>	
Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor subunit alpha-3, GABA(A) receptor subunit alpha-3, Gabra3, Gabra-3	

**Target/Specificity**

Fusion protein from the N-terminal region of the alpha 3 subunit.

**Dilution**

WB~~ 1:1000

IHC~~ 1:100

**Format**

Prepared from rabbit serum by affinity purification using a column to which the fusion protein immunogen was coupled.

**Antibody Specificity**

Specific for the ~51k  $\alpha$ 3-subunit of the GABAA receptor in Western blots. Labeling is absent in  $\alpha$ 3-subunit knockout animals.

**Storage**

Maintain refrigerated at 2-8°C for up to 6 months. For long term storage store at -20°C in small aliquots to prevent freeze-thaw cycles.

**Precautions**

GABAA Receptor,  $\alpha$ 3-Subunit Antibody is for research use only and not for use in diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.

**Shipping**

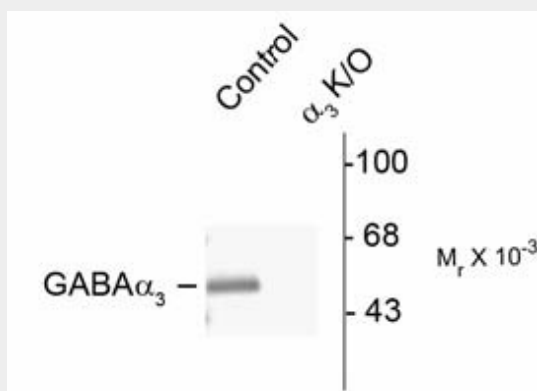
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## GABAA Receptor, $\alpha 3$ -Subunit Antibody - Protocols

Provided below are standard protocols that you may find useful for product applications.

- [Western Blot](#)
- [Blocking Peptides](#)
- [Dot Blot](#)
- [Immunohistochemistry](#)
- [Immunofluorescence](#)
- [Immunoprecipitation](#)
- [Flow Cytometry](#)
- [Cell Culture](#)

## GABAA Receptor, $\alpha 3$ -Subunit Antibody - Images



Western blot of mouse brain lysates from wild type (Control) and  $\alpha 3$ -knockout ( $\alpha 3$ K/O) animals showing specific immunolabeling of the ~51k  $\alpha 3$ -subunit of the GABAA-R. The labeling was absent from a lysate prepared from  $\alpha 3$ -knockout animals.



Immunostaining of rat amygdala showing labeling of GABAA  $\alpha 3$  subunit.

## GABAA Receptor, $\alpha 3$ -Subunit Antibody - Background

Gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) is the primary inhibitory neurotransmitter in the central nervous system, causing a hyperpolarization of the membrane through the opening of a  $\text{Cl}^-$  channel associated with the GABAA receptor (GABAA-R) subtype. GABAA-Rs are important therapeutic

targets for a range of sedative, anxiolytic, and hypnotic agents and are implicated in several diseases including epilepsy, anxiety, depression, and substance abuse. The GABAA-R is a multimeric subunit complex. To date six  $\alpha$ s, four  $\beta$ s and four  $\gamma$ s, plus alternative splicing variants of some of these subunits, have been identified (Olsen and Tobin, 1990; Whiting et al., 1999; Ogris et al., 2004). Injection in oocytes or mammalian cell lines of cRNA coding for  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -subunits results in the expression of functional GABAA-Rs sensitive to GABA. However, coexpression of a  $\gamma$ -subunit is required for benzodiazepine modulation. The various effects of the benzodiazepines in brain may also be mediated via different  $\alpha$ -subunits of the receptor (McKernan et al., 2000; Mehta and Ticku, 1998; Ogris et al., 2004; Pörtl et al., 2003).

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