

Product Specification Sheet

**GABA-A Receptor Beta 2 Subunit (GAB2) Antibodies**

Cat. # GAB21-P	Rat GAB2 control peptide # 1	SIZE: 100 ug
Cat. # GAB21-S	Rabbit Anti-Rat GAB2 antiserum # 1	SIZE: 100 ul
Cat. # GAB21-A	Rabbit Anti-Rat GAB2 IgG # 1 (aff pure)	SIZE: 100 ug

GABA ( $\gamma$ -amino butyric acid) is the most abundant neurotransmitter in mammalian brain. GABA exerts its effects through ionotropic ligand-gated GABA<sub>A</sub>, GABA<sub>C</sub> and GABA<sub>B</sub> receptors (**GABA<sub>B</sub>Rs**). A family of GABA-A receptors subtypes exists, which are generated by alternative splicing of alpha 1-6, beta 1-4, gamma 1-4, delta, epsilon, pie, theta, and rho1-3 to form a heteromeric (pentameric?) protein complexes. Various GABA-A subunits show distinct patterns of temporal and spatial expression that may imply its tissue specific physiological role (1). **GABA A (GAA) receptor** proteins (450-627 aa) are characterized by the presence of a cleavable signal peptide, a large extracellular N-terminus, 3 TM (transmembrane) domains, a large cytoplasmic domain followed by TM4 and C-terminal extracellular domain. The regions between TM3-4 and the large cytoplasmic loop are least conserved among various GAA subunits, which may confer subunit specific functionality. GAA genes are distributed as clusters throughout the human genome (chromosomes 4, 5, 15, and X; delta subunit on chromosome 1). GAA in the brain are the targets of many clinically important drugs. Rat and human GAB2 protein is 474 aa (chromosome 5q34-q35). Alternative splicing produces 2 isoforms; a short form (474aa) and a long form. The short isoform is the main isoform.

**Source of Antigen and Antibodies**

<b>Antigen</b>	12-aa peptide from rat <b>Gab2</b> (1); <b>Designation (GAB21-P, control peptide /blocking peptide)</b> conjugated to KLH; Epitope location ~C-terminus, Cytoplasmic domain
<b>Antibody host/type</b>	Rabbit, Polyclonal unpurified antiserum (Cat # GAB21 -S); Rabbit, Polyclonal IgG (Cat # GAB21-A), purified over antigen-Agarose
<b>Secondary Ab</b>	Cat # 20320, goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP (AP, biotin, FITC conjugates also available).
<b>Negative Control Ab</b>	Non-immune rabbit IgG (Cat # 20009-1) to be used as -ve control for ELISA, WB, IHC etc.

**Form & Storage of Antibodies/Peptide Control**

**Affinity pure IgG**

100 ug/100ul solution lyophilized powder  
Supplied in **Buffer**: PBS+0.1% BSA  
**Reconstitute powder** in PBS at 1mg/ml

**Control/blocking peptide**

100 ug/100 ul solution lyophilized powder  
Supplied in **Buffer**: PBS pH 7.5,  
**Reconstitute powder** in PBS at 1 mg/ml.

**Storage**

**Short-term:** unopened, undiluted vials for less than a week at 4oC.

**Long-term:** at -20°C or below in suitable aliquots after reconstitution. Do not freeze and thaw and store working, diluted solutions.

**Stability:** 6-12 months at -20°C or below.

**Shipping:** 4°C for solutions and room temp for powder.

**Recommended Usage**

**Western Blotting:** 1-10  $\mu$ g/ml; using affinity pure antibody (chemiluminescence technique).

**ELISA:** 1:100K; using 50-100 ng control peptide/well.

**Histochemistry & Immunofluorescence:** Not tested; we recommend the use of affinity purified antibody at 2-10  $\mu$ g/ml.

**Specificity & Cross-reactivity**

The 12 AA rat **GAB21-P control peptide** is 100% conserved in human and chicken. No significant homology is detected with other GAA subtypes or other receptors. Antibody cross-reactivity in various species has not been studied. Control peptide, because of its low mol. Wt (<3 kDa), is not suitable for Western. It should be used for ELISA or antibody blocking experiments (use 5-10 ug control peptide per 1 ug of aff pure IgG or 1 ul antiserum) to confirm antibody specificity (see detailed protocol at the web site).

**General References:** (1) Ymer S (1989) EMB J. 8, 1665-1670; Hadingham KL (1993) Mol. Pharmacol. 44, 1211; McKinley DD (1995) Brain Res. Mol. Brain Res. 28, 175; Mehta Ak and Ticku MK (1999) Brain Res. Rev. 29, 196 (review)

**(2) Citations of ADI's Antibodies** (see web site for updated list)

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**Related material available from ADI**

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