**BACKGROUND**

Individuals suffering from Alzheimer’s disease (AD) exhibit dramatic reductions in the content of corticotropin-releasing factor (CRF), increased expression of CRF receptors (CRFRs) and abnormalities in neuronal morphology in affected brain areas. In addition, AD patients show decreased concentrations of CRF in their cerebrospinal fluid, which may contribute to their cognitive impairment. A high affinity CRF binding protein, designated CRF-BP, has been discovered in postmortem brain samples from AD patients. CRF-BP serves to bind and inactivate CRF, reducing the pool of “free CRF” available to bind CRFRs. Two CRF receptors, designated CRF-RI and CRF-RII, exhibit distinct brain localizations. Two forms of CRF-RII, designated CRF-RIIα and CRF-RIIβ, result from alternative mRNA splicing. Urocortin, an additional member of the CRF family, shares 63% sequence identity with urotensin and 45% sequence identity with CRF. Urocortin specifically binds to and activates CRF-RI and CRF-RII, but binds to CRF-RII more efficiently than CRF, suggesting that it may be the true, high affinity ligand for the CRF receptor type II.

**REFERENCES**


**CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION**

Genetic locus: CRHR1 (human) mapping to 17q21.31; Chfr1 (mouse) mapping to 11 E1.

**SOURCE**

CRF-RI (Q-20) is an affinity purified goat polyclonal antibody raised against a peptide mapping within an internal region of CRF-RI of mouse origin.

**STORAGE**

Store at 4°C. **DO NOT FREEZE**. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

**PRODUCT**

Each vial contains 200 µg IgG in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

Blocking peptide available for competition studies, sc-12383 P, (100 µg peptide in 0.5 ml PBS containing < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.2% BSA).

**APPLICATIONS**

CRF-RI (Q-20) is recommended for detection of CRF-RI of mouse, rat and human origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000) and immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000).


Molecular Weight of CRF-RI: 53-66 kDa.

**SELECT PRODUCT CITATIONS**


**RESEARCH USE**

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.

**PROTOCOLS**

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