

LiveReceptor GABA_AR <GABA_AR Labeling Reagent>

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Product Background

Neurotransmitter receptors including glutamate receptors and GABA receptors etc. located on post-synapse in neuronal cells play various roles in brain functions. To understand physiological roles of neurotransmitter receptors, live cell imaging is one of the powerful approaches. Conventional imaging methods on live cells rely on a genetically engineered proteins fused with fluorescent proteins such as GFP. However, one serious problem is that the functions and movement of over-expressed neurotransmitter receptors with non-physiological tags are not precisely correlated with endogenous native receptors. The labeling methods for endogenous receptors are desirable to observe physiological functions of receptors.

LiveReceptor is the world first reagent series for target-specific receptor labeling. The principle of LiveReceptor is based on ligand-directed acylyl imidazole (LDAI) chemistry (ref.1,2). LDAI-based chemical labelling is driven by selective ligand-protein recognition, which facilitates an acyl substitution reaction of labeling reagents on nucleophilic amino acid residues including Lys, Ser and Tyr located near ligand-binding domain. After wash out, the labelled receptors which have free ligand-binding pockets are observed on live cells. Furthermore, based on pH-dependent fluorescent property of fluorescein, fluorescent signal of labeled receptors in endocytosis pathway are highly quenched and only cell surface receptors can be observed. LiveReceptors are powerful tools to monitor reduction of cell surface receptors by endocytosis upon extracellular stimulation.

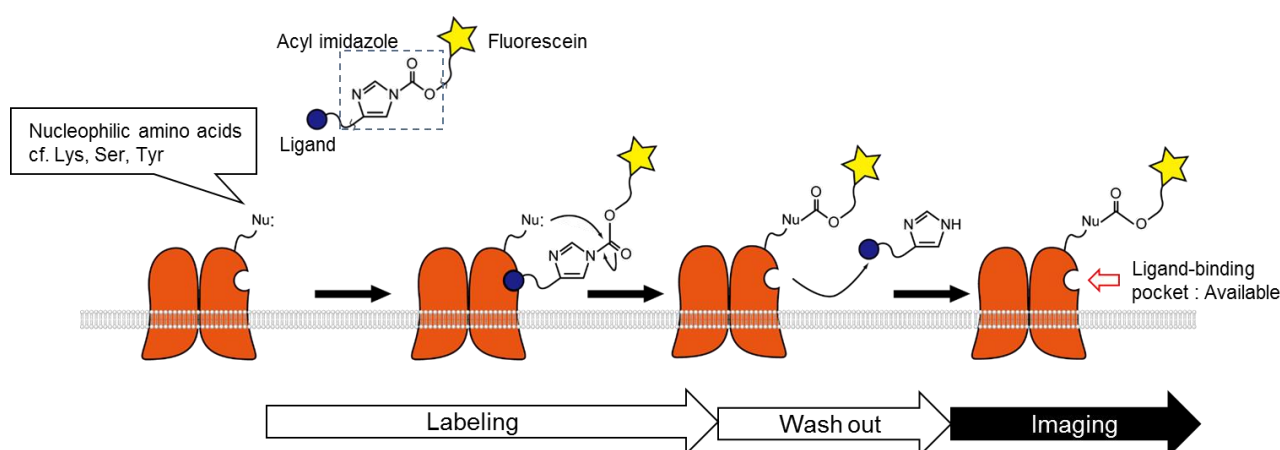


Figure 1. Principle of ligand-directed protein labeling

“LiveReceptor GABA_AR” is a specific labeling reagent for cell-surface ion channel-type GABA receptor (GABA_AR) which is the key component for inhibitory synaptic regulation (ref.3). LiveReceptor GABA_AR has three domains including gabazine as an affinity ligand for GABA_AR, fluorescein and acyl imidazole. Only when gabazine binds to GABA_ARs, nucleophilic amino acid residues (Lys, Ser or Tyr) located near ligand-binding domain on GABA_ARs are attacked acyl imidazole and fluorescein is transferred into GABA_ARs. After removing excess reagents and resultant ligand moiety, labeled GABA_ARs can be observed in both live and fixed cells. The protocol is very simple, no genetic manipulation and additional treatment are required. Because LiveReceptor GABA_ARs shows no cell membrane permeability, only cell surface GABA_ARs are labelled. Ref.3 indicates fluorescein-labeled GABA_ARs by LiveReceptor has little effects on its ion channel capability.

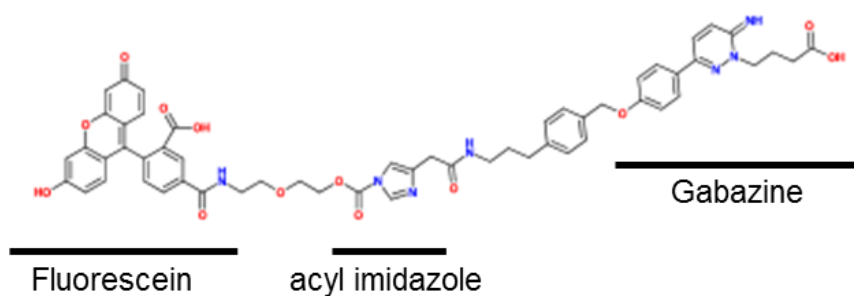


Figure 2. Chemical structure of LiveReceptor GABA_AR

Description

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Size : 10 µg

Formulation : C₅₅H₅₁N₇O₁₃

Molecular weight : 1017.35 g/mol

Visibility : Orange lyophilized powder

Solubility : Soluble in DMSO

*This compound has water-solubility but it can be easily degraded in water and culture medium.

Please avoid store in the water.

Spectrum

Excitation/ Emission: 495/515 nm

*Compatible with FITC filter

Application

- Live cell imaging
- Immunocytochemistry with specific antibodies
- Immunoprecipitation with anti-fluorescein antibody
- Immunoblotting with anti-fluorescein antibody
- Drug screening for competitive GABA_AR antagonist (GABA-site)

Reconstitution and Storage

Reconstitution :

Reconstitute at 0.1 mM (x100) - 1 mM (x1000) in 100% DMSO. Please optimize the final concentration of DMSO depended on your experiments. Before reconstitution, please spin down to collect the orange lyophilized powder on the bottom of a tube. Carefully add DMSO into the tube and vigorously mix to completely dissolve the powder.

Storage:

(powder) Store at -20°C. Protected from light.

(solution) DMSO stock solution is stable at least for 1 year at -80°C. Please make aliquots and avoid freeze and thaw. Protected from light.

How to use

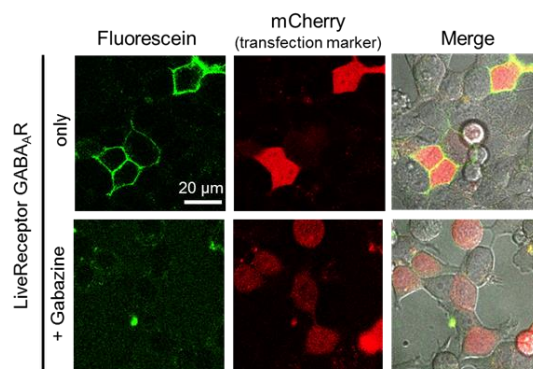
General procedure for GABA_AR labeling

1. Prepare 1 μM of LiveReceptor GABA_AR in the appropriate medium
 - * Note : Serum-free media are highly recommended. This compound is not stable in the medium. Please prepare assay solution at time of use.
2. Replace media of cultured cells to LiveReceptor containing medium.
3. Culture cells with LiveReceptor GABA_AR for 1-4 hours at 17-37°C
4. After labeling, wash cells several times or perfused continuously to remove excess reagents.
5. Labelled GABA_ARs can be observed.

Application data

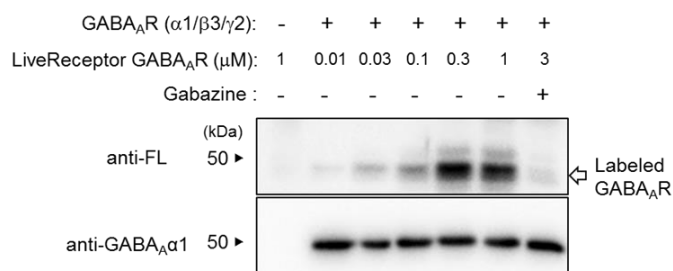
Live cell imaging of labelled GABA_ARs in GABA_AR-expressed HEK293

GABA_AR (α1/β3/γ2)-expressed HEK293 cells were treated with 1 μM of LiveReceptor GABA_AR in the absence or presence of 100 μM gabazine, a GABA_AR selective inhibitor, for 3 hour at 37°C and washed out three times with the basal medium. (scale bars, 20 μm)



Validation of GABA_AR labeling by western blotting

GABA_AR (α1/β3/γ2)-expressed HEK293 cells were treated with 0.01-1 μM of LiveReceptor GABA_AR in the absence or presence of 100 μM gabazine, a GABA_AR selective inhibitor, for 3 hour at 37°C. After wash cells, the cells were lysed and proteins were applied into SDS-PAGE and western blotting using anti-fluorescein (FL) antibody or anti-GABA_AR α1 subunit.



Reference

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Related product

LiveReceptor AMPAR <Endogenous AMPAR Labeling Reagent>

LiveReceptor AMPAR is a specific labeling reagent for AMPA-type glutamate receptor, AMPAR. Live imaging of cultured neuron and slice tissues were validated.

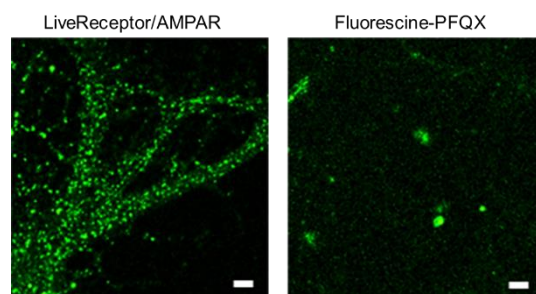
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Data examples

- Live cell imaging of labelled endogenous AMPARs in cultured neurons

Cultured hippocampal neurons were treated with 1 µM of LiveReceptor AMPAR (in left) or Fluorescein-conjugated PFQX as negative control (in right) for 1 hour at 17°C and washed out three times with the basal medium. Dendritic spin-like punctual structures were observed on live cells by specifically LiveReceptor. (scal bars, 10 µm)





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