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## Anti-Alpha-Internexin (NF66)

**Catalog Number:** 101-AIN      **Size:** 100 µl

**Product Description:** Chicken polyclonal antibody

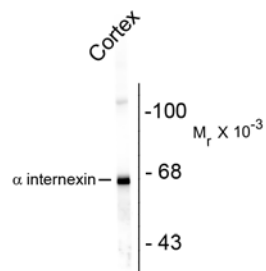
**Applications:**    **WB:** 1:5,000    **IF:** 1:500

**Antigen:** Recombinant rat alpha-internexin expressed in and purified from *E. coli*.

**Species reactivity:** The antibody has been directly tested for reactivity in mouse, human and rat tissues.

**Biological Significance:** Alpha-internexin is a Class IV intermediate filament originally discovered as it co-purifies with other neurofilament subunits (1). Alpha-internexin is related to but distinct from the better known neurofilament triplet proteins, NF-L, NF-M and NF-H, having similar protein sequence motifs and a similar intron organization. It is expressed only in neurons and in large amounts early in neuronal development, but is down-regulated in many neurons as development proceeds. Many classes of mature neurons contain alpha-internexin in addition to NF-L, NF-M and NF-H. In some mature neurons alpha-internexin is the only neurofilament subunit expressed. Antibodies to alpha-internexin are therefore unique probes to study and classify neuronal types and follow their processes in sections and in tissue culture. In addition, recent studies show a marked up-regulation of alpha-internexin during neuronal regeneration (2). The use of antibodies to this protein in the study of brain tumors has not been examined to date, but is likely to be of interest. Recently Cairns et al. used this antibody to show that alpha-internexin is an abundant component of the inclusions of neurofilament inclusion body disease (NFID), a serious human neurodegenerative disorder (3,4). The antibody was also used to confirm the presence of circulating auto-antibodies to alpha-internexin in the sera of some patients with endocrine autoimmunity, as well as in some normal individuals (5).

### Anti-alpha Internexin



**Western blot** of rat cortex lysate showing specific immunolabeling of the ~ 66k alpha internexin protein.

**WB** = Western Blot    **IF** = Immunofluorescence    **IHC** = Immunohistochemistry    **IP** = Immunoprecipitation

**Packaging:** Liquid containing 10mM sodium azide.

**Storage and Stability:** Store at -20°C in undiluted aliquots; stable for at least 1 year. Avoid freeze/thaw cycles.

**Shipment:** Domestic - Blue Ice; International - Blue Ice or Dry Ice.

**For Research Use Only.**

**Purification Method:** Total IgY fraction

**Antibody Specificity:** Specific for the ~66k alpha Internexin protein. Minor bands at ~150k are probably covalent dimers and bands at ~50k represent alpha-internexin breakdown products.

**Quality Control Tests:** Western blots performed on each lot.

**Related References:**

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