

**Ghrelin activation of the purified GHS-R1a triggers arrestin-2 and arrestin-3 recruitment.** Changes in emission intensity of bimane-labeled arrestin-2(R169E) and arrestin-3(R170E) induced by GHS-R1a in the absence of ligand, in the presence of the inverse agonist SPA, or in the presence of the full agonist ghrelin. The (R169E) and (R170E) mutants of arrestin-2 and arrestin-3, respectively, interact with purified GPCRs in a phosphorylation-independent manner (1). Data are presented as the percentage of fluorescence change and represent the mean value  $\pm$  SD from three independent experiments. The percentage of fluorescence change was calculated as follows: I-I(0)/I(0) x 100, where I is the maximum emission intensity under the conditions considered and I(0) is the maximum emission intensity of bimane attached to arrestin in the absence of the receptor.

## Reference

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