Anti-3β:5β-Cyclic Adenosine Monophosphate (cAMP) Developed in Rabbit Whole Antiserum

Product No. A0670
Lot No. 097H4805

The antiserum is developed in rabbit using 3β:5β-cAMP-2p-BSA as the immunogen. The product is provided as a pre-diluted antiserum that has been lyophilized.*

Reconstitution and Dilution
1. Stock Solution: To one vial of lyophilized powder add 1.0 ml of 0.1% BSA in distilled water. Rotate gently until powder is dissolved.
2. Working Solution: To obtain the number of tests indicated on the vial further dilute the reconstituted antiserum 10-fold with the buffer used to prepare the stock solution.

Storage
Prior to reconstitution store at 2-8°C.
After reconstitution:
1. Stock Solution: Separate into aliquots and freeze.
   Repeated freezing and thawing is not recommended.
2. Working Solution: Discard if unused within 12 hours.

RIA SYSTEM
RIA Characterization
The antiserum is characterized utilizing the following ethanol precipitation radioimmunoassay (RIA) protocol, where 0.1 ml of reconstituted and diluted antiserum has been found to bind at least 40% of 6 fmole of iodinated cAMP-2p-succinyl-tyrosine methyl ester with a specific activity of approximately 2,000 Ci/mmole.

It is recommended that the antiserum first be evaluated in the assay system described due to differences in systems and procedures.

RIA Reagents
Note: All nucleotide containing solutions should be kept at 0EC in an ice-water bath, during use.

(A) Standards: Prepare a stock standard solution of 1 mg/ml cAMP free acid (Sigma Product No. A 4137) in distilled water, keep at 0EC in ice-water bath. Determine the exact concentration by measuring the absorbance at 259 nm (E1% = 15.4). Dilute the stock standard with cold acetate buffer (B) to a concentration of 5000 fmole/0.1 ml. This is then further diluted in cold acetate buffer to obtain the following standard solutions: 2500, 1000, 500, 250, 100, and 50 fmole/0.1 ml
(B) 0.05 M Sodium acetate (Sigma Product No. S8625) buffer, pH 6.2.
(C) BSA Solution 1: 0.1% BSA (Sigma Product No. A7030) in distilled water.
(D) BSA Solution 2: 10% BSA (Sigma Product No. A7030) in distilled water.

Succinylation of Samples and Standards
1. In polypropylene test tubes add: 0.1 ml sample or standard and 0.02 ml fresh succinylation reagent.
2. Vortex the tubes and place in ice-water bath (0EC).
3. Add 1.9 ml cold acetate buffer to each tube.
4. Vortex the tubes and keep in ice-water bath.

RIA Protocol
1. In polypropylene test tubes add 0.1 ml succinylated sample or standard (A) and 0.1 ml diluted antiserum.
2. Vortex the tubes.
3. Incubate for 4 hours in ice-water bath at 0EC.
4. Add 0.1 ml iodinated radioactive tracer diluted in acetate buffer. (B).
5. Vortex the tubes.
6. Incubate for 18-20 hours at 4°C.
7. Add 0.1 ml BSA solution 2 to each tube.
8. Vortex the tubes.
9. Add 2 ml cold ethanol to each tube.
10. Vortex the tubes.
11. Centrifuge at 2000 x g for 15 minutes at 4°C.
12. Remove supernatant from each tube and determine the amount of radioactivity present.

**RIA Sensitivity**
Sensitivity is defined as the 90% intercept of a B/B₀ standard curve. In the above system the sensitivity has been found to be 5 fmole/tube.

**RIA Affinity Constant**
The affinity constant (Kₐ) is determined by a Scatchard plot using the described RIA system. 
\[ K_a = 1.1 \times 10^{11} \text{ l/mole.} \]

**RIA Specificity**
Specificity of the antiserum is defined as the ratio of antigen concentration to cross-reactant concentration at 50% inhibition of maximum binding. The cross-reactivity data obtained in the described RIA system is as follows:

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**Bibliography**