

<b>Description</b>	<b>Precipitating polyclonal goat antiserum to rat IgG, Fc specific</b>	
<b>Product code</b>	GARa/IgG(Fc)	
<b>Biological origin</b>	Goat	
<b>Physical form</b>	Delipidated, heat inactivated lyophilized stable whole serum	
<b>Preservative</b>	No preservative added, as it may interfere with the antibody activity. No foreign protein added.	
<b>Immunogen</b>	Purified normal IgG, including all known subclasses, isolated from pooled rat serum. Freund's complete adjuvant is used in the first step of the immunization procedure.	
<b>Adsorption</b>	Immunoaffinity adsorbed using insolubilized antigens as required to eliminate antibodies reacting with other components of the immunoglobulin system or reacting with other serum proteins. The use of insolubilized adsorption antigens prevents the presence of foreign protein or immune complexes in the antiserum.	
<b>Identity &amp; Specificity</b>	The reactivity of the antiserum is directed to the Fc subunit of the IgG molecule including all subclasses. In immunoelectrophoresis and double radial immunodiffusion, using various antiserum concentrations against normal rat plasma and serum, a characteristic precipitin line is obtained which shows a reaction of identity with the precipitin line obtained with purified IgG. No reaction is obtained with purified IgA, IgM and IgG/Fab fragments or any other serum protein.	
<b>Cross-reactivity</b>	Inter-species cross-reactivity is a normal feature of antibodies to immunoglobulins, since Ig of different species frequently share antigenic determinants. Cross-reactivity of this antiserum has not been tested in detail, however in double radial immunodiffusion a reaction with mouse has been obtained.	
<b>Protein concentration</b>	Total protein and IgG concentration in the antiserum are comparable to those of pooled goat serum. No foreign proteins added.	
<b>Antibody titre</b>	Precipitin titre not less than 1:16 when tested against normal rat serum in agar block titration.	
<b>Intended use</b>	In immunoelectrophoresis and double radial immunodiffusion to identify the presence of IgG; as secondary antibody to precipitate the immunoglobulin in normal rat serum; to prepare an immunoabsorbent for the production of Ig-free rat serum, plasma or non-Ig preparations.	
<b>Directions for use</b>	In immunoelectrophoresis use 2 µl or equivalent against 120 µl antiserum. In double radial immunodiffusion (Ouchterlony) use a rosette arrangement with 10 µl antiserum in a 3 mm diameter centre well and 2 µl serum samples (neat and diluted) in 2 mm diameter peripheral wells.	
<b>Handling</b>	The lyophilized antiserum is shipped at ambient temperature and may be stored at +4°C; prolonged storage at or below -20°C. It is reconstituted by adding 1 ml sterile distilled water. Working dilutions are prepared by adding sterile phosphate buffered saline (PBS, pH 7.2). Repeated thawing and freezing should be avoided. Working dilutions should be stored at +4°C, not refrozen, and preferably used the same day. If a slight precipitation occurs upon storage, this should be removed by centrifugation. It will not affect the performance of the product.	
<b>Packing</b>	Vial with 1 ml lyophilized antiserum.	
<b>Storage / shelf life</b>	Lyophilized at +4°C	at least 10 years
	reconstituted at or below -20°C	3-5 years
	reconstituted at +4°C	7 days
<b>Caution</b>	This antiserum should be handled by qualified persons only and appropriate precautions should be taken in its handling and disposal, and of all associated materials. For <i>in vitro</i> laboratory research purposes only.	

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