Description	**Precipitating polyclonal sheep antiserum to guinea pig IgA, Fc specific**
Product code	ShAGp/IgA(Fc)
Biological origin	Sheep
Physical form	Delipidated, heat inactivated, lyophilized, stable whole antiserum
Preservative	No preservative added
Immunogen	Highly purified normal IgA isolated from pooled guinea pig serum. Freund's complete adjuvant is used in the first step of the immunization procedure.
Adsorption	Immunoaffinity adsorbed using insolubilized antigens as required, to eliminate antibodies cross-reacting with other components of the immunoglobulin system or reacting with other serum proteins. The use of insolubilized adsorption antigens prevents the presence of excess adsorbent protein or immune complexes in the antiserum.
Identity & Specificity	The reactivity of the antiserum is restricted to the Fc part of the IgA molecule. In immuno-electrophoresis and radial immunodiffusion, using various antiserum concentrations against normal guinea pig serum a single precipitin line is obtained which shows a reaction of identity with the precipitin line obtained with purified IgA. No precipitation reaction is obtained with purified IgG, IgM, and IgG/Fab fragments.
Cross-reactivity	The antiserum does not cross-react with any other component of the guinea pig immuno-globulin system. Inter-species cross-reactivity is a normal feature of antibodies to immuno-globulins, since Ig of different species frequently share antigenic determinants. Cross-reactivity of this antiserum has not been tested in detail.
Protein concentration	Total protein and IgG concentrations in the antiserum are comparable to those of pooled normal sheep serum. No foreign proteins added.
Antibody titre	Precipitin titre 1:40 when tested against pooled normal guinea pig serum in agar-block immunodiffusion titration.
Intended use	In precipitating techniques as immunoelectrophoresis and radial immunodiffusion to identify the presence of IgA in guinea pig serum or other body fluids or to determine its concentration. To prepare an immunoadsorbent for the purification of guinea pig IgA from serum or plasma. This antiserum is not intended for use in non-precipitating antibody-binding or other highly sensitive assays. This does not exclude such use if [roper controls are included.
Directions for use	In immunoelectrophoresis use 2 µl serum or equivalent against 120 µl antiserum. In double radial immunodiffusion (Ouchterlony) use a rosette arrangement with 10 µl antiserum in 3 mm diameter center well and 2 µl serum samples (neat and serially diluted in 2 mm diameter peripheral wells.
Packing	Vial with 1 ml lyophilized antiserum.
Storage / shelf life	Lyophilized at +4°C at least 10 years reconstituted at or below -20°C 3-5 years reconstituted at +4°C 7 days
Handling	The lyophilized antiserum is shipped at ambient temperature and may be stored at +4°C; prolonged storage at or below -20°C. Reconstitute the lyophilized antiserum by adding 1 ml sterile distilled water. Dilutions may be prepared by adding phosphate buffered saline (PBS, pH 7.2). Repeated thawing and freezing should be avoided. If a slight precipitation occurs upon storage, this should be removed by centrifugation. It will not affect the performance of the antiserum. Diluted antiserum should be stored at +4°C, not refrozen, and preferably used the same day.
Caution	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 *in vitro* research purposes only.

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