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# CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS CHOLERA TOXIN (AZIDE FREE) from Vibrio cholerae Inaba 569B

#### Contents:

Each vial of cholera toxin, when reconstituted to 0.5 ml with sterile purified water, contains 1.0 mg of protein in:

0.05 M Tris 0.2 M NaCl 0.001 M Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA at pH 7.5

Solubility of cholera toxin, in water, decreases with time, following lyophilization. Handle the product gently; do not vortex.

## Concentration:

Each vial contains 1.0 mg determined using the extinction coefficient of 1.14 for 1 mg/ml measured at 1 cm and 280 nm.<sup>1</sup>

#### Purity:

The preparation migrates as a single major band when examined by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis in a nondenaturing system run at alkaline pH. The  $R_{280/260}$  of this preparation is 2.0.

The endotoxin content, determined using a kinetic chromagenic LAL assay, is 8 EU/mg.

#### Activity:

Using trisialoganglioside fixed sheep red blood cells, this lot exhibited strong hemagglutination activity when examined in a modification of Sato, et.al.<sup>2</sup>

#### Packaging/Storage:

Lyophilized powder stoppered under vacuum. It is recommended that this material be stored at 2-8°C prior to and following reconstitution. DO NOT FREEZE.

# **Handling:**

Good laboratory technique should be employed in the safe handling of this product. This requires observing the following practices:

- 1. Wear appropriate laboratory attire including a lab coat, gloves and safety glasses. Nitrile gloves are recommended when handling lyophilized material.
- 2. Do not mouth pipette, inhale, ingest or allow to come into contact with open wounds. Wash thoroughly any area of the body which comes into contact with the product.
- 3. Avoid accidental autoinoculation by exercising extreme care when handling in conjunction with any injection device.
- 4. This product is intended for research purposes by qualified personnel only. It is not intended for use in humans or as a diagnostic agent. List Biological Laboratories, Inc. is not liable for any damages resulting from the misuse or handling of this product.

## FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES ONLY. NOT FOR HUMAN USE.

#### References:

- 1. Spangler, Brenda D. (1992) Microbiological Reviews 56(4), 622-647
- 2. Sato, Y., Cowell, J.L., Sato, H., Burstyn, D.G. and Manclark, C.R. (1983) *Infect. Immun.* **41**, 313-320.

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