

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS
ANTHRAX PROTECTIVE ANTIGEN, ACTIVATED (PA 63)
from *Bacillus anthracis*
Lot #1749A1

Contents:

Activated protective antigen (PA 63) has been prepared by trypsinization of protective antigen followed by removal of the 20 kDa cleavage product. PA 63 tends to aggregate and will bind to both lethal factor (LF) and edema factor (EF).

Each vial contains 0.5 mg of activated protective antigen from *Bacillus anthracis*. When reconstituted with 0.5 ml of sterile purified water, the concentration of buffer is 10 mM bis Tris propane, pH 8.5 with 1.25% trehalose. Read the following recommendations prior to reconstituting this material. **Handle the product gently; do not vortex.**

Recommended Reconstitution and Storage of Anthrax Proteins:

Anthrax toxin proteins may be reconstituted in sterile purified water, stored at 2-8°C and used successfully within a few hours. If it is necessary to store this material, reconstitute it at a concentration of 1 mg/ml.¹ Reconstitution with 1 mg/ml BSA will enhance stability and recovery.

It is further recommended that the solution is aliquoted and frozen at either -20° or -70°C. After the protein has been reconstituted as described above, glycerol may be added to 50% if a liquid is desired at freezer temperatures. Storage of material reconstituted in BSA at 2-8°C for a period of two weeks may be acceptable for some applications.

Concentration:

Protein concentration was determined by Bradford method² using bovine serum albumin as the standard.

Purity:

When examined on 4-12% polyacrylamide gels in the presence of SDS, this preparation migrates as a single major band with an apparent molecular weight of 63,000 daltons. The band represents 97.3% of the protein. Several faster migrating minor components are also apparent, and may represent fragments of the protective antigen produced during trypsinization.^{3,4}

This product has been tested for endotoxin levels and was found to be acceptable.

Packaging/Storage:

This product is packaged aseptically, lyophilized, and sealed under vacuum. Store at 2-8°C prior to reconstitution.

Tissue Culture Application:

For tissue culture applications, medium containing glutamine must be fresh. Ammonium ion released when glutamine breaks down may prevent acidification of the endosome, thereby inhibiting translocation of LF or EF into the cytosol.⁵ A stable form of glutamine may be used.^{6,7}

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.**
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.**

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