



Sheep anti Human Factor XIII Subunit A polyclonal antibody (CABT-L466)

This product is for research use only and is not intended for diagnostic use.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Specificity	This antibody is specific for Factor XIII subunit A as demonstrated by immunoelectrophoresis and ELISA.
Target	Factor XIII (A subunit)
Immunogen	Human Factor XIII Subunit A (A2) purified from plasma.
Isotype	IgG
Source/Host	Sheep
Species Reactivity	Human
Purification	Affinity purified
Conjugate	Unconjugated
Applications	IEP, ELISA
Format	Liquid
Size	0.5 mg
Buffer	10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 50% (v/v) glycerol.
Preservative	None
Storage	Store between -10 and -20°C. Product will become viscous but will not freeze. Avoid storage in frost-free freezers. Keep vial tightly capped. Allow product to warm to room temperature and gently mix before use.

BACKGROUND

Introduction

Factor XIII (F.XIII, fibrin stabilizing factor) is the proenzyme form of a transamidase that is essential for normal haemostasis and fibrinolysis, wound healing, female fertility and foetal development. Extracellular F.XIII consists of A subunits (83 kDa each) which contain the enzyme moiety, and B subunits (76 kDa each) which act as a carrier protein for the A subunit in circulation. Both subunits are produced under separate genetic control. In plasma, F.XIII exists as a non-covalent tetrameric complex (320 kDa) of two A-subunits and two B-subunits (A₂B₂). The concentration of F.XIII tetramer in plasma is ~25 µg/ml (~80 nM). An intracellular form of F.XIII is found in platelets, megakaryocytes and monocytes. This form of F.XIII presents as a dimer of two A-subunits only and has a molecular weight of 160 kDa. The importance of these intracellular stores is demonstrated by the observation that platelets can contribute up to half of the F.XIII activity in platelet rich plasma. The activation of F.XIII involves several steps. Thrombin cleaves after Arg37 of each A-subunit in the A₂B₂ tetramer, releasing a 4.5 kDa activation peptide. Additional conformational changes induced by the binding of calcium, and by dissociation of the B-subunits from the A-subunit dimer are required to obtain full enzyme activity. F.XIIIa is a cysteine protease that catalyses the formation of γ-glutamyl-ε-lysyl bonds between the γ and α chains of polymerised fibrin molecules. Other proteins found crosslinked into fibrin clots by F.XIIIa include fibrinogen, α₂ Antiplasmin, fibronectin, vitronectin and von Willebrand factor.

Keywords

F13A1;coagulation factor XIII, A1 polypeptide;F13A;coagulation factor XIII A chain;TGase;factor XIIIa;fibrinolytic;FSF, A subunit;coagulation factor XIIIa;transglutaminase A chain

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