

Research & Diagnostic Antibodies

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Rabbit Anti- Human Epidermal Growth Factor Serum

AS-2576 Lot # 10370

This antiserum was raised in a rabbit which was immunized with synthetic human epidermal growth factor (hEGF) covalently attached onto a carrier protein. This antiserum is specific for hEGF and is suitable for immunocytochemical and western immunoblotting detection of this growth factor. The antiserum has been characterized by western blotting, ELISA, and cell staining techniques. Dilute the lyophilized antiserum with 0.1 ml of 10 mg/ml BSA is PBS for the equivalent of whole antiserum, or with additional buffer for more dilute antiserum.

Antiserum Specificity

| Polypeptide | % Cross Reactivity |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Epidermal Growth Factor (Human) | 100 |
| EGF (rat) | 90 |
| EGF (mouse) | 1 |
| IGF-1 (human) | 0 |
| IGF-2 (rat) | 0 |
| TGFα (human) | 0 |
| ACTH (human, 1-39) | 0 |
| Calcitonin (human) | 0 |
| PTH (bovine, 1-84) | 0 |
| Somatostatin | 0 |
| Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide | 0 |

Immunocytochemical Staining

This antiserum has been found to stain cells known to express human EGF at a dilution of 1:800.

Western Immunoblot

Western immunoblots have been successful at a dilution of 1:1600.

Western Blotting Protocol

- 1. After SDS-PAGE on 15% gels and electrophoretic transfer to PVDF membrane, block the membrane overnight with 4% normal goat serum in TBS/Tween-20 buffer.
- 2. Wash x 2 with TBS/Tween-20.
- 3. Apply the rabbit polyclonal antibody after dilution to at least 1:1600 (Note: higher dilutions may be needed). Use 2% normal goat serum in TBS/Tween-20 as buffer for the primary antibody. Let the primary antibody bind for 2-4 hours.
- 4. Wash x 3 with TBS/Tween-20.
- 5. Apply affinity purified HRP-goat anti-rabbit IgG antiserum diluted 1:2500 (dilution may vary depending upon supplier) in 2% normal goat serum in TBS/Tween-20. Incubate 1-2 hours. Note: greater sensitivity may be achieved using ABC techniques.
- 6. Wash x 4 for 5 minute per wash cycle with TBS/Tween-20.
- 7. Develop color using the enhanced DAB reaction.