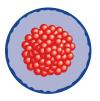


The benchmark in protein purity



Premium supplier of autoantigens, neutrophil markers, antibodies and reagents



Native Animal Antigens



Native Human Antigens



Recombinant Antigens



Antibodies



Reagents & Services







WHO WE ARE

AROTEC Diagnostics has been producing and supplying premium reagents to the diagnostics industry since 1996. Today, we are continuing this tradition as the benchmark supplier by expanding into new disease areas, including critical components for diagnostics research, development and manufacturing partners.

Since AROTEC's inception we have undertaken a concerted effort to produce both established and novel autoantigen reagents for the autoimmune diagnostics market. Stringent quality management procedures with a key emphasis on process control and continual improvement has enabled us to offer consistent and reliable products to our global customers, confirming AROTEC as a trusted supplier for leading diagnostic companies.

We are now working to actively grow our portfolio through the development of new antigens from native and recombinant sources. With the addition of antibodies and reagents, AROTEC will offer a comprehensive autoimmune diagnostic panel. Significant investments in our facility and technologies have helped to expand our research and development capabilities as we look to move into other disease state areas.

Our future goals are to deliver the same quality products you have come to expect from AROTEC across these disease states areas, as well as providing key reagents for your diagnostics research and manufacturing needs.

WHAT WE DO

AROTEC is a practical, hands-on scientific company with over 75% of our staff coming from a biochemistry or biotechnology background. We are experts in protein purification, which has allowed us to master complex purification processes and produce premium diagnostic reagents from analytical to bulk scale. Carrying out continuous in-process testing using an array of analytical proteomic techniques, we maintain stringent process control resulting in minimal lot-to-lot variability and a final product that conforms to our product specifications batch after batch.

We believe there is no compromising when it comes to quality. To purify quality reagents it is necessary to start with quality raw materials; autoantigens purified from animal tissue are from animals of exclusively New Zealand origin, the premium source material. Human blood fractions are obtained from certified New Zealand blood centres with complete donor traceability and serology. All recombinant antigens are manufactured in-house under strict quality controls. Our commitment to quality is no more evident than in our extensive range of purified autoantigen reagents.

WHAT WE OFFER

At our current location we are within easy reach of Wellington International Airport. This means our products can reach a number of important international hubs from our facility within 24 hours (Sydney, Los Angeles, Singapore). All of our products are shipped on dry-ice ensuring their integrity throughout transit.

We operate distribution centres in the US and Germany with weekly deliveries scheduled to all of our customers in Europe and the US. Our technical sales managers are on hand to provide all the support you require for your production and R&D needs. Outside the US and Europe we have a strong network of well-established distributors who can support your business. Please visit our website for AROTEC Distributor contact information.

Our pilot sample testing and reservation policy offers you long term security of lot availability and minimizes the need



for regular validation within your production environment. We are delighted to supply product performance and application data to our customers. Our responsive team will ensure we deal with any queries in regards to our products in a timely and efficient manner.

At AROTEC we can also offer customised products such as different buffer conditions, concentrations or specifications depending on your workflow. We are open to developing novel antigens or antibodies as well as offering premium reagents specific to your IVD or research needs.

Feel free to contact us with your project requests.

AROTEC Diagnostics understands that security of supply and consistent quality of key components are vital to your business. We are committed to meeting these needs.

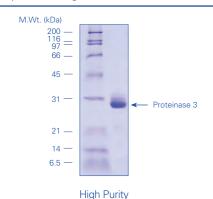
OUR PRODUCT STANDARDS

At AROTEC we believe that there is no compromising when it comes to quality. To purify quality protein reagents it is necessary to start with quality raw materials;

- 1. Animal sourced antigens are certified as exclusively of NZ origin, considered globally as the premium sourced material.
- 2. Human sourced antigens are obtained from regulated donor centres within New Zealand.
- 3. Recombinant products are produced entirely at our facility under stringent quality controls from fermentation through to final purification.

PURITY

AROTEC autoantigens are highly pure (minimum specification >90% pure but often approaching >99% pure). We achieve this through meticulous "polishing" of the final product using high-resolution chromatographic techniques. This results in the virtual absence of contaminating substances thereby ensuring that assays developed using our reagents have very low background.



SDS-PAGE of Proteinase 3 (cANCA) antigen demonstrates the proteins high purity presenting as a major band of 27 kDa with glycosylated higher molecular weight isoforms. Western blot analysis also demonstrated that the protein is completely free of antigens that could cause false-positive results (e.g. myeloperoxidase,

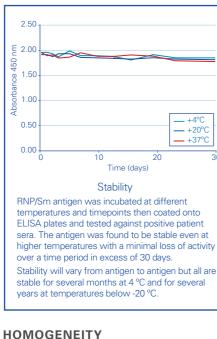
BULK VOLUME

lactoferrin)

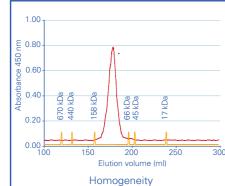
We can produce autoantigen lots from analytical (a few milligrams) to bulk (approaching grams) amounts. Large lot sizes eliminate the need for customers to continuously qualify new lots during production. Product lots can be reserved for established customers and held under storage in our facility in New Zealand or at our distribution centres.

STABILITY

AROTEC autoantigens exhibit outstanding stability and show no significant loss of activity over several years when stored appropriately.



Homogenous autoantigen aggregation states are essential for many immunoassay applications. Native source materials ensure that authentic multimeric and guaternary structures are maintained and inappropriate protein aggregation is avoided.

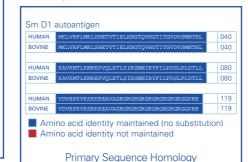


Size-exclusion chromatography of Jo-1 antigen shows a distribution typical for an a2-dimer of molecular weight 110 kDa. Monomer (55 kDa) and higher molecular weight aggregate forms are not apparent. Elution profiles of native molecular weight

standards are indicated in orange.

AUTHENTIC STRUCTURE

Use of native source materials wherever possible ensures correct post-translational processing, tertiary and guaternary structure (essential for detection of conformation-dependent autoantibodies). Autoantigens purified from human neutrophils are the ultimate in authentic autoantibody targets; autoantigens prepared from animal source materials not only have authentic structure, they also have an extremely high degree of primary sequence homology to their human counterparts.



Primary amino acid sequences for Sm D1 antigen from human and bovine are aligned. Amino acids that are identical between species are highlighted in blue, showing that the identical sequence is retained over the entire 119 amino acids. Sequence homology has been shown for all the other AROTEC ENA antigens prepared from bovine thymus to be either identical or highly homologous to human sequences.

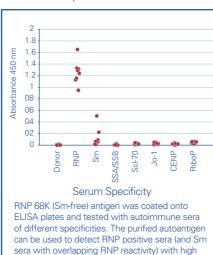
PATENT IMMUNITY

Investigators planning to use recombinant autoantigens in a commercial situation will need to consider that many stages of recombinant protein production and application are subject to patent protection. Native autoantigens are prepared using proprietary technology that does not expose the end user to patent issues.

SPECIFICITY

specificity

High purity ensures high specificity. Active immunoadsorption procedures to remove potentially interfering components where necessary, followed by rigorous quality control, ensures that AROTEC autoantigens are free of other proteins that might lead to false positive results.

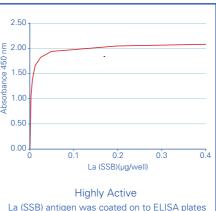


AVAILABILITY

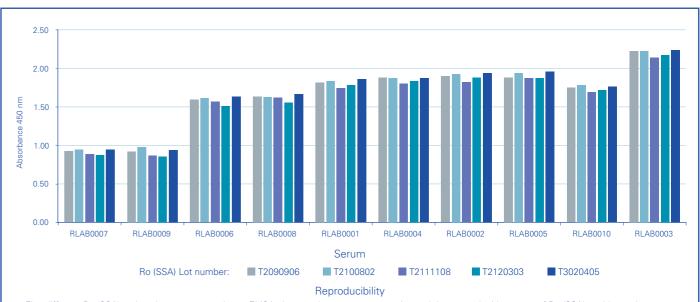
Except under exceptional circumstances we maintain high inventory levels of our complete product range thereby ensuring prompt delivery. Pilot samples from multiple lots can be supplied to established customers, for evaluation and qualification.

ACTIVITY

AROTEC autoantigens are highly active and can be used to detect autoantibodies in ELISA even when coated at low concentrations (typically 10-100 ng/well is sufficient). Linear and conformation-dependent autoantibody epitopes are detected with high sensitivity.



La (SSB) antigen was coated on to ELISA plates at different concentrations and tested using an La(SSB) positive patient serum. High absorbance values were recorded even when the antigen was coated as low as 0.01 µg/well. An AROTEC 0.20 mg vial of La(SSB) would be sufficient to coat up to 200 ELISA plates



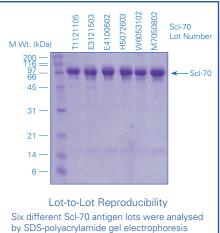
Five different Ro (SSA) antigen lots were coated onto ELISA plates at the same concentration and then tested with a range of Ro (SSA) positive patient sera. Each serum was found to give very similar results for all five lots demonstrating a very high degree of lot-to-lot reproducibility.

VALUE

Excellent quality doesn't mean that a product is unaffordable! AROTEC will make every effort to supply to you at competitive prices. We can offer package pricing or bundle deals.

REPRODUCIBILITY

Lot-to-Lot consistency is our strength. Strictly qualified native raw materials provide a completely reproducible source material. Validated, mature production processes that are subject to continuous in-process quality control yield consistently high endproduct purity. New lots are rigorously tested and compared to internal goldstandard lots to ensure they conform to specifications.

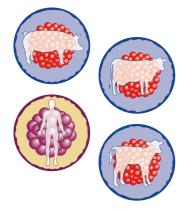


then stained with Coomassie blue The prominent band is the 70 kDa Scl-70 antigen. Results show a very consistent pattern for all of the lots, demonstrating a high degree of lot-to-lot reproducibility

OUR FACILITY

AROTEC operates out of a brand new purpose built facility located in Lower Hutt, Wellington, New Zealand. Our laboratories are spacious, modern and entirely dedicated to the production of diagnostic reagents. Operations within our facility are incorporated into a formal quality management system registered to ISO9001:2008 standards. We offer complete traceability from raw material to end product which undergoes regular independent auditing.

All critical temperature controlled areas are monitored 24/7 and logged ensuring all product is maintained at optimal temperatures during manufacturing and storage.



Our production facility has an impressive array of protein purification equipment maintained and managed through an extensive calibration and preventative maintenance program, ensuring a robust production environment. This allows us to achieve large-scale outputs of key products on a consistent basis.

EXPERTISE

We are purification experts with a team of scientists possessing advanced protein purification skills allowing us to master complex purification processes from analytical to bulk scales at an extremely high level of purity.

Utilising an array of protein analytical techniques we carry out continuous in-process analysis during our purification process to ensure maximum control and final product specifications are delivered upon.

With an extensive range of immunological and molecular biological techniques at our disposal we are ready to tackle the most ambitious projects.

PRODUCTS OF NEW ZEALAND ORIGIN

Internationally, New Zealand has been recognised as the world's premier source of animal sera and animal protein products by the biotechnology industry. This is in part due to New Zealand's geographical and biological isolation along with strict border security and agricultural restrictions.

Access to export markets has been core to ensuring customers globally have chosen our company as their primary source of proteins. With New Zealand's disease free status, our products comply with most countries importation requirements providing this ease of access.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is the regulatory authority governing New Zealand's stringent regulations and they are responsible for actively monitoring animal pest and diseases status. MPI provides trusted assurances to importing countries that our products meet their requirements.

AROTEC Diagnostics; reproducibly pure products offering you a consistent and reliable partner.



New Zealand is classified as being free from List A of animal diseases by the office International des Epizooites (OIE) as well as being recognised by the USDA-APHIS for the non-existence of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), foot-and-mouth disease, scrapie and numerous other significant animal diseases.

All material for production of human derived native antigens are sourced from reputable donor centres offering full serological testing and traceability back to individual donors.

> ISO certified to the 9001:2008 standard





NATIVE ANTIGENS - ANIMAL DERIVED

GBM

Goodpasture antigen, Collagen type IV NC1 domain

Source: Bovine Kidney Uniprot ID: Q28084

ORDERING INFORMATION ATG02-02 0.20mg ATG02-10 1.0mg

Jo-1

Histidyl tRNA synthetase, HisRS, Histidine tRNA ligase

Source: Calf Thymus Uniprot ID: Q2KI84

ORDERING INFORMATION ATJ01-02 0.20mg

ATJ01-02 0.20mg ATJ01-10 1.0mg

Mitochondrial

Pyruvate dehydrogenase complex

Source: Bovine Heart Muscle Uniprot ID: P11180 P22439 P11966 Q9N1X8

ORDERING INFORMATION ATM02-02 0.20mg ATM02-10 1.0mg

Parietal cell antigen (H/K-ATPase)

H/K-ATPase Source: Porcine Gastric Mucosa Uniprot ID: P19156 P18434

ORDERING INFORMATION ATP01-02 0.20mg ATP01-10 1.0mg

RNP-A (Sm-free)

U1 snRNP A subunit

Source: Calf Thymus Uniprot ID: Q2KIR1

ORDERING INFORMATION

ATR06-02 0.20mg ATR06-10 1.0mg

Histone (H1-Enriched)

Histone H1,H2A,H2B,H3 and H4

Source: Calf Thymus Uniprot ID: please see website

ORDERING INFORMATION AHB01-02 0.20mg AHB01-10 1.0mg

La(SSB)

La ribonucleoprotein, SSB antigen, Sjögren's syndrome antigen B

Source: Calf Thymus Uniprot ID: P10881

ORDERING INFORMATION ALA01-02 0.20mg

ALA01-10 1.0mg

Nucleosome

Core histones (H2A, H2B, H3, H4) and DNA (approximately 146 bp)

Source: Calf Thymus Uniprot ID: P0C0S4 A5D7N2 Q5E9F8 P62803

ORDERING INFORMATION ATN02-02 0.20mg ATN02-10 1.0mg

RNP-Sm

U1 snRNP antigen

Source: Calf Thymus Uniprot ID: please see website

ORDERING INFORMATION ATR01-02 0.20mg ATR01-10 1.0mg

RNP-68K (Sm-free)

U1 snRNP 68K subunit, U1 snRNP 70K subunit

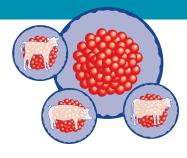
Source: Calf Thymus Uniprot ID: Q1RMR2

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NATIVE ANTIGENS - ANIMAL DERIVED

Ro(SSA)

Ro RNP, SSA antigen, Ro60 antigen, Sjögren's syndrome antigen A

Source: Calf Thymus Uniprot ID: F1MIZ7

ORDERING INFORMATION

ATR02-02 0.20mg ATR02-10 1.0mg

Sm

Smith antigens, nRNP D subunit

Source: Calf Thymus Uniprot ID: Q3ZC10 Q3SZF8 F1MZ00

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Scl-70

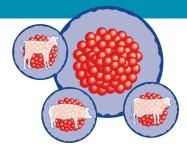
DNA topoisomerase I, TOP I

Source: Calf Thymus Uniprot ID: F1MN93

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Beta-2-Glycoprotein 1

Apolipoprotein H, APOH, activated protein C-binding protein, APC inhibitor

Source: Human Plasma Uniprot ID: P02749

ORDERING INFORMATION ATG01-10 1.0 mg

Calprotectin

Protein S100, Calgranulin, migration inhibitory factor-related protein

Source: Human Leukocytes Uniprot ID: P06702, P05109

ORDERING INFORMATION ATC04-02 0.20 mg

ATC04-10 1.0 mg

Elastase

Human leukocyte elastase, HLE, Elastase 2

Source: Human Neutrophils Uniprot ID: P08246

ORDERING INFORMATION ATE01-02 0.20 mg ATE01-10 1.0 mg

Rheumatoid factor antigen

Human IgG Fc fragment Source: Human Plasma Uniprot ID: N/A

ORDERING INFORMATION ATF01-10 1.0 mg

Proteinase 3 (cANCA)

Myeloblastin, p29, AGP7

Source: Human Neutrophils Uniprot ID: P24158

ORDERING INFORMATION ATP02-02 0.20 mg ATP02-10 1.0 mg

BPI

Bacterial/permeability-increasing protein, CAP57

Source: Human Neutrophils Uniprot ID: P17213

ORDERING INFORMATION ATB01-02 0.20 mg ATB01-10 1.0 mg

Cathepsin G

CTSG

Source: Human Neutrophils Uniprot ID: P08311

ORDERING INFORMATION ATC01-02 0.20 mg ATC01-10 1.0 mg

Eosinophil Cationic Protein

ECP, Ribonuclease 3, RNase3

Source: Human Eosinophils Uniprot ID: P12724

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Myeloperoxidase (pANCA)

Myeloperoxidase, pANCA antigen

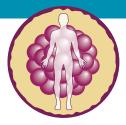
Source: Human Neutrophils Uniprot ID: P05164

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RECOMBINANT ANTIGENS

CENP-B

Major centromere autoantigen B, Centromere protein B

Source: Sf21 cells Uniprot ID: P07199

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ATC02-02 0.20mg ATC02-10 1.0mg

PCNA

Proliferating cell nuclear antigen, Cyclin

Source: Sf21 cells Uniprot ID: P12004

ORDERING INFORMATION ATP03-02 0.20mg ATP03-10 1.0mg

Tissue Transglutaminase (tTG)

TGM2, Transglutaminase 2, TG2, TGase-C , TGase-H

Source: Sf21 cells Uniprot ID: P21980

ORDERING INFORMATION

ATT01-02 0.20mg ATT01-10 1.0mg

Liver Cytosol-1 (LC-1)

Liver cytosol antigen 1, formiminotransferase cyclodeaminase, FTCD

Source: Sf21 cells Uniprot ID: O95954

ORDERING INFORMATION ATL04-02 0.20mg

ATL04-02 0.2011g ATL04-10 1.0mg

Ro52

Ro52 antigen

Source: Sf21 cells Uniprot ID: P19474

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Anti-Myeloperoxidase IgG

Protein G purified Source: Goat ORDERING INFORMATION ABM01-10 1.0mg

Anti-Calprotectin IgG

Protein G purified Source: Goat ORDERING INFORMATION ABC04-10 1.0mg

Anti-Calprotectin monoclonal IgG

Protein G purified

Source: Mouse

ORDERING INFORMATION AMC04-02 0.20mg AMC04-10 1.0mg

Anti-Eosinophil Cationic Protein IgG

Protein G purified

Source: Sheep

ORDERING INFORMATION ABE02-10 1.0mg

Anti-Proteinase 3 IgG

Protein G purified

Source: Goat

ORDERING INFORMATION ABP02-10 1.0mg

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