**Description:** This antiserum was raised in a rabbit by immunization with a carrier free recombinant TGF- $\alpha$  (human) protein. The product vial contains 50  $\mu$ L of the titled antiserum obtained by lyophilizing its 0.001 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.0, 0.5mL) solution. It can be used for immunoassay, immunohistochemistry or any other immunoreaction with TGF- $\alpha$  (human).

Immunogen: Recombinant TGF- $\alpha$  (human), carrier free

Host: Rabbit

## Amino Acid Sequence of TGF- $\alpha$ (human)<sup>1)</sup>:

VVSHFNDCPD SHTQFCFHGT CRFLVQEDKP ACVCHSGYVG ARCEHADLLA (The S-S bonds within the sequence waere not described)

Product Form: Lyophilized unpurified serum

Size: 50 µL

**Reconstitution:** Reconstitute the product with 0.5 mL of 0.01 M PBS (pH 7.0) to make a 10 fold diluted stock solution. If it is stored in a refrigerator, add moderate antiseptic to the solution (e.g. NaN<sub>3</sub> 0.1%).

**Storage:** The product will be stable for over one year if it be stored at -20°C to -80°C until opened. Upon reconstitution, the antiserum solution must be stored at 2°C to 8°C and used within one month. Repeated freezing-thawing should be avoided.

Suggested Working Dilution Range: 1:680 (final dilution ~1:5,440) for radioimmunoassay; 2,300 for ELISA; 1: 200-500 for immunohistochemistry (frozen or paraffin sections)<sup>2)</sup>. Optimal dilution should be determined by each laboratory for each application.

Specificity (based on radioimmunoassay): TGF- $\alpha$  (human) 100%, EGF (human) 0%, EGF (rat) 0%

Positive Control (immunohistochemistry): Human tumor tissues

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