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Product Specification Sheet

Peptidoglycan (S. aureus); vaccine adjuvant

☐ **Cat. #** AV-7045-5	Peptidoglycan (S. aureus); vaccine adjuvant	**SIZE**:5 mg
☐ **Cat. #** AV-7045-25	Peptidoglycan (S. aureus); vaccine adjuvant	**SIZE**:25 mg

General Information: The word '**adjuvant'** is derived from the Latin word '*adjuvare*' which means '**to help'**. Therefore, Immunologic Adjuvants are added to vaccines to stimulate the immune system's response to the target antigen, but do not in themselves confer immunity. Adjuvants act in various ways in presenting an antigen to the immune system. Adjuvants can act as a depot for the antigen, presenting the antigen over a long period of time, thus maximizing the immune response before the body clears the antigen. Examples of depot type adjuvants are oil emulsions. Adjuvants can also act as an irritant which causes the body to recruit and amplify its immune response. A tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis vaccine, for example, contains minute quantities of toxins/toxoids produced by each of the target bacteria. The body's immune system develops an antitoxin to the bacteria's toxins, not to the aluminum, but would not respond enough without the help of the aluminum adjuvant**.** Adjuvants have also evolved as substances that can aid in stabilizing formulations of antigens, especially for vaccines administered for animal health.

Adjuvants augment the effects of a vaccine by stimulating the immune system to respond to the vaccine more vigorously, and thus providing increased immunity to a particular disease. Adjuvants accomplish this task by mimicking specific sets of evolutionarily conserved molecules, so called PAMPs, which include liposomes, lipopolysaccharide (**LPS**), molecular cages for antigen, components of bacterial cell walls (e.g., **flagellins**), and endocytosed nucleic acids such as double-stranded RNA (**dsRNA**), single-stranded DNA (**ssDNA**), and unmethylated CpG dinucleotide-containing DNA (**ODNs**). Natural proteins such as **ovalbumin** or OVA-peptides and key hole limpet hemocyanins (**KLH**) are also being explored not only serve as carrier protein but also as adjuvants. Because immune systems have evolved to recognize these specific antigenic moieties, the presence of an adjuvant in conjunction with the vaccine can greatly increase the innate immune response to the antigen by augmenting the activities of dendritic cells (DCs), lymphocytes, and macrophages by mimicking a natural infection. Furthermore, because adjuvants are attenuated beyond any function of virulence, they pose little or no independent threat to a host organism.

For human vaccines, aluminum hydroxide (Alum) based adjuvants (Aluminum hydroxide or Alhydrogel; Aluminium phosphate or Adjuphos) are the only **FDA-approved adjuvants**.. Vaccine components that are formulated in Alum are called "Adsorbed Vaccines". The effectiveness of each salt as an adjuvant depends on the characteristics of the specific vaccine and how the manufacturer prepares the vaccine

Not all vaccines contain Alum because an adjuvant may not have been needed, was not expected to increase the desired immune response, or was going to cause an imbalance in the immune response. For example, **inactivated Polio Virus** (IPV/IPOL) vaccine, measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (**MMR/MMRII/MMRV**), **Varicella or chickenpox vaccine** (Varivax/Proquad/MMRV), **Meningococcal conjugate** (MCV4/Menomune/Menactra) vaccine, and **influenza vaccines** (Fluzone/Flulaval/Flumist/Fluvirin etc) do not contain aluminum salts.

Product Information

Most bacteria have a cell wall containing a special polymer called peptidoglycan which is major component of the cell wall in gram positive organisms. Consists of a glycan backbone with alternating β 1-4 linked residues of N-acetyl-D-glucosamine and muramic acid.
The primary immune recognition is based on structures common among invading pathogens. Surface molecules, such as lipopolysaccharide (LPS), peptidoglycan and peptidoglycan recognition protein (PGRP), are known to elicit immune reactions ranging from cytokine release to fever. Peptidoglycan activates the Toll-like receptor 2 (TLR2), present in mammalian cells

Appearance: White solid
Form: solid
Suggested usage: It is recommended to use a peptidoglycan concentration of 0.15 – 3mg/l in water or buffer and measuring at 450 nm.

Storage and Stability: Shipped at room temperature and it should be stored at 2-8 C. Long term storage at -20 C for up to 6 months. Avoid repeated freeze thaw cycles.

References: L. Alexopoulou (2001) Nature, Vol 413, 732. Doyle R.J (2001) Molecular Medical Microbiology p137-153.

Related items:

Catalog# ProdDescription
AV-7010-50 Recombinant flagellin FlicC vaccine adjuvant (TLR5 agonist); vaccine adjuvant
AV-7015-10 Lipopolysaccharides (LPS) (Escherichia coli 0111:B4) vaccine adjuvant
AV-7016-1 Lipopolysaccharides (LPS) (Escherichia coli 0111:B4) vaccine adjuvant, ultrapure, TLR4 tested
AV-7020-10 Lipopolysaccharides (LPS) (Salmonella enterica typhimurium) vaccine adjuvant
AV-7025-1 Monophosphoryl lipid A (MPLA)-SM (S. enterica Minnesota, R595),vaccine adjuvant
AV-7025-5 Monophosphoryl lipid A (MPLA)-SM (S. enterica Minnesota, 595),vaccine adjuvant
AV-7030-1 Monophosphoryl lipid A (MPLA) (Synthetic, TLR4/Th1) vaccine adjuvant
AV-7030-5 Monophosphoryl lipid A (MPLA) (Synthetic, TLR4/Th1) vaccine adjuvant
AV-7035-1 MDP, muramyldipetide (Ac-muramyl-Ala-D-Glu-amide) Synthetic; vaccine adjuvant
AV-7035-5 MDP, muramyldipetide (Ac-muramyl-Ala-D-Glu-amide) Synthetic; vaccine adjuvant
AV-7040-1 Diphosphoryl Lipid A (E. coli K12 D31m4)
AV-7040-5 Diphosphoryl Lipid A (E. coli K12 D31m4)

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