

Product Data Sheet

Cat # RP-1438

Recombinant Toxoplasma Gondii P24 (GRA 1)

Size: 100 ug

The life cycle of *Toxoplasma gondii* has two phases. The coccidia like takes place only in members of the Felidae family which makes these animals the parasite's primary host. The asexual part of the life cycle can take place in any warm-blooded animal, like other mammals (including felines) and birds. *T. gondii* constructing daughter scaffolds within the mother cell. In the intermediate hosts (including felines), the parasite invades cells, forming intracellular so-called parasitophorous vacuoles containing bradyzoites, the slowly replicating form of the parasit. Vacuoles form tissue cysts mainly within the muscles and brain. Since they are within cells, the host's immune system does not detect these cysts. Resistance to antibiotics varies, but the cysts are very difficult to eradicate entirely. Within these vacuoles *T. gondii* propagates by a series of binary fissions until the infected cell eventually bursts and tachyzoites are released. Tachyzoites are the motile, asexually reproducing form of the parasite. Unlike the bradyzoites, the free tachyzoites are usually efficiently cleared by the host's immune response, although some manage to infect cells and form bradyzoites, thus maintaining the infection. Immunoreactive with sera of *Toxoplasma gondii*-infected individuals.

SOURCE:

The E.Coli derived recombinant protein contains the p24 (GRA1) immunodominant regions, amino acids 57-149. 50mM Tris-HCl, 1.5 M urea and 50% glycerol.

APPLICATION AND SUGGESTED DILUTIONS:

Toxoplasma antigen is suitable for ELISA and Western blots, excellent antigen for detection of *Toxoplasma gondii*- with minimal specificity problems. Toxoplasma protein is >95% pure as determined by 10% PAGE (coomassie staining). Users must optimize the appropriate concentration and conditions for each assay.

STORAGE & STABILITY:

Toxoplasma Protein is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon arrival, Store at -20°C e years frozen. One month in solution at room temperature. If supplied in powder then reconstitute it in 100ul water for 1mg/mL stock and store in liquid at 4oC for ~ 1week or aliquots in suitable size and store at -20oC for long term storage.

USAGE:

This item is for LABORATORY RESEARCH USE ONLY.

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