

Streptococcus A Antibodies

□ **Cat.** STA12-A

Rabbit Anti-Streptococcus A IgG, aff pure, #2

SIZE: 1 mg

Streptococcus is a genus of coccus (spherical) gram-positive bacteria belonging to the phylum Firmicutes] and the Lactobacillales (lactic acid bacteria) order. Cellular division occurs along a single axis in these bacteria. In contrast with Staphylococci, which divide along multiple axes and generate grape-like clusters of cells. Most Streptococci are oxidase- and catalase-negative, and many are facultative anaerobes. In addition to streptococcal pharyngitis (strep throat), certain Streptococcus species are responsible for many cases of pink eye, meningitis, bacterial pneumonia, endocarditis, erysipelas, and necrotizing fasciitis (the 'flesh-eating' bacterial infections). However, many streptococcal species are not pathogenic, and form part of the commensal human microbiota of the mouth, skin, intestine, and upper respiratory tract.

Species of Streptococcus are classified based on their **hemolytic** properties. **Alpha-hemolytic** species cause oxidization of iron in hemoglobin molecules within red blood cells, giving it a greenish color on blood agar. **Beta-hemolytic** species cause complete rupture of red blood cells. On blood agar, this appears as wide areas clear of blood cells surrounding bacterial colonies. Gamma-hemolytic species cause no hemolysis. Beta-hemolytic streptococci are further classified by **Lancefield grouping**, a serotype classification (that is, describing specific carbohydrates present on the bacterial cell wall). The 20 described serotypes are named Lancefield groups A to V (excluding I and J). In the medical setting, the most important groups are the alpha-hemolytic streptococci *S. pneumoniae* and *Streptococcus viridans* group, and the beta-hemolytic streptococci of Lancefield groups A and B (also known as "group A strep" and "group B strep").

Species	Host	Disease
<i>S. pyogenes</i>	human	pharyngitis
<i>S. agalactiae</i>	human, cattle	neonatal meningitis and sepsis
<i>S. equisimilis</i>	human, animals	endocarditis, bacteremia, pneumonia, meningitis, respiratory infections
<i>S. bovis</i>	human, animals	biliary or urinary tract infections, endocarditis
<i>S. anginosus</i>	human, animals	subcutaneous/organ abscesses, meningitis, respiratory infections
<i>S. sanguinis</i>	human	endocarditis, dental caries
<i>S. suis</i>	swine	meningitis
<i>S. mitis</i>	human	endocarditis
<i>S. mutans</i>	human	dental caries
<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	human	pneumonia

Streptococci have been divided into six groups on the basis of their 16S rDNA sequences. The genomes of hundreds of species have been sequenced.[20] Most Streptococcus genomes are 1.8 to 2.3 Mb in size and encode 1,700 to 2,300 proteins. The four species shown in the table (*S. pyogenes*, *S. agalactiae*, *S. pneumoniae*, and *S. mutans*) have an average pairwise protein sequence identity of about 70%

Source of Antigen and Antibodies

Antigen	Complete panel of organisms obtained from CDC and the ATCC
Ab Host/type	Rabbit, Polyclonal aff pure IgG (cat # STA12-A) purified over the antigen column
Ab Format	Cat # 20320, goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP (AP, biotin, FITC conjugates also available)
-ve control	# 20009-1, Rabbit (non-immune) IgG, purified, suitable for ELISA, Western, IHC as -ve control

Form & Storage of Antibodies/Peptide Control

Affinity pure IgG

- 5 mg/ml or specified on the vial
- solution □ lyophilized powder

Supplied in **Buffer:** PBS+0.1% azide

Reconstitute powder in PBS at a desired concn

Storage

Short-term: unopened, undiluted liquid vials at 20°C and powder at 4°C or -20°C..

Long-term: at -20°C or below in suitable aliquots after reconstitution. Do not freeze and thaw and store working, diluted solutions.

Stability: 6-12 months at -20°C or below.

Shipping: 4°C for solutions and room temp for powder

Recommended Usage

Western Blotting (1:1K-5K 1-10 ug/ml for affinity pure using Chemiluminescence technique

ELISA (1:10K-1:100K; using 50-100 ng control peptide/well).

Histochemistry & Immunofluorescence: no tested. we recommend the use of affinity purified antibody at 2-20 ug/ml.

Specificity & Cross-reactivity

Antibodies are specific for Streptococcus A.

General References: Faclam R (2002) Clin Microbiol. Rev. 15, 613-630; Rukoof KL (1990) Eur. J. Clin. Micorbiol. 9, 75-79

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