

# Sheep anti-human TAFI (Thrombin Activatable Fibrinolysis Inhibitor)

Affinity-Purified IgG 0.5 mg

Product #: SATAFI-AP

Lot #: XXXX Expiry date: XXXX

Store at -10 to -20°C

For Research Use Only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.

# Description of TAFI (proCPU)

TAFI (Thrombin Activatable Fibrinolysis Inhibitor), also referred to as plasma procarboxypeptidase-B, procarboxypeptidase-U and R, circulates in plasma as a zymogen with a mass of 58,000 daltons (1-6). Proteolytic activation of TAFI yields an N-terminally derived activation peptide and the C-terminal portion corresponding to the metalloprotease, activated TAFI (TAFIa). TAFIa exhibits exopeptidase activity with carboxypeptidase B-like substrate specificity capable of catalyzing the hydrolysis of Cterminal lysine and arginine residues. Cleavage of these residues on fibrin by TAFIa attenuates clot lysis by inhibiting the formation of the ternary activation complex comprising fibrin cofactor, tPA and plasminogen, thereby inhibiting plasmin generation. Although TAFI can be activated by various proteases including thrombin and plasmin, the physiological activator is proposed to be the complex thrombinthrombomodulin since the rate of activation is stimulated 1250-fold compared to thrombin alone (4). However, the rate of TAFI activation is highly dependent upon its plasma concentration. Since TAFIa apparently plays a key role in connecting coagulation and fibrinolysis and significantly increases clot stability, determination of plasma concentration of TAFI is likely crucial to assess its subsequent potential antifibrinolytic effects 1-6.

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# **Product Specifications**

## **Description:**

Vial containing XXXX ml of IgG purified by affinity chromatography on immobilized TAFI. Total protein is 0.5 mg.

#### Format:

Affinity-purified IgG (APIgG), clear liquid.

#### **Host Animal:**

Sheep

#### <u>Immunogen:</u>

Human TAFI purified from plasma.

#### Concentration:

APIgG concentration is XXXX mg/ml, determined by absorbance using an extinction coefficient (E<sup>1%</sup><sub>280</sub>) of 13.4.

#### **Buffer:**

10 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 50% (v/v) glycerol.

#### Storage:

Store between -10 and -20°C. Product will become viscous but will not freeze. Avoid storage in frost-free freezers. Keep vial tightly capped. Allow product to warm to room temperature and gently mix before use.

# **Specificity:**

This antibody is specific for TAFI as demonstrated by immunoelectrophoresis and ELISA.

#### **Applications:**

Suitable as a source of enriched antibodies to human TAFI.

#### **Neutralizing activity:**

Not determined

## **Species Cross Reactivity:**

Not determined