BACKGROUND

Factor VIII is a glycoprotein cofactor that serves as a critical component in the blood coagulation pathway. Insufficient expression levels or expression of nonfunctional Factor VIII results in hemophilia A, a common severe hereditary bleeding disorder. In the liver, the main site of Factor VIII synthesis, the mature polypeptide chain of 2,332 amino acids is secreted into the lumen of the endoplasmic reticulum, where it interacts with various chaperone proteins, including Calreticulin, Calnexin and IgG-binding protein. From the lumen, a portion of Factor VIII translocates to the Golgi and undergoes activation via proteolysis of both the heavy and light chain portions of the protein into three fragments. Finally, proteolysis of activated Factor VIII by Factor XA, Protein C or Thrombin results in inactivation of Factor VIII. Survival of Factor VIII in the bloodstream requires binding to von Willebrand factor (VWF) at both the amino- and carboxy-termini of the light chain. Point mutations occurring in those binding domains as well as at other active sites of Factor VIII likely underly 90-95% of disease cases.

REFERENCES


CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: F8 (human) mapping to Xq28.

SOURCE

Factor VIII (RFFVIIIC/8) is a mouse monoclonal antibody raised against full length purified native protein of human origin.

PRODUCT

Each vial contains 100 µg IgG1 in 1.0 ml of PBS with < 0.1% sodium azide and 0.1% gelatin.

STORAGE

Store at 4° C, **DO NOT FREEZE**. Stable for one year from the date of shipment. Non-hazardous. No MSDS required.

APPLICATIONS

Factor VIII (RFFVIIIC/8) is recommended for detection of the 360 kDa band of Factor VIII as well as the 210 kDa and 92 kDa band of human and porcine origin by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000) and solid phase ELISA (starting dilution 1:30, dilution range 1:30-1:3000); non cross-reactive with von Willebrand factor.

RESEARCH USE

For research use only, not for use in diagnostic procedures.

PROTOCOLS

See our web site at www.scbt.com for detailed protocols and support products.