

## Fetal Bovine Serum IgG Depleted

### Collected from the source:

When searchers choose their serum an important factor that should be taken into consideration is the source, which also emphasises the traceability of the serum.

Our system of vertical integration allows us to be certain of the origins and traceability of our FBS.

Each manufactured batch is rigorously controlled, from the collection of serum and throughout all stages of its treatment and production through to final packaging on our premises.

BioWest Fetal Bovine Serum is derived from clotted whole blood aseptically collected from fetus via cardiac puncture.

The serum is collected or imported and treated in agreement with the European regulations.

### Filtration:

Final Filter Size: 0.1µm

### Sterility:

All sera are tested for the absence of aerobic and anaerobic bacteria, fungi, yeast and *Mycoplasma*.

The sterility test is based on the European Pharmacopoeia requirements.

The sera are tested for the absence of *Mycoplasma* by culture.

### Virus Tested:

All of our sera are tested for:

- Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD)
- Cytopathogenic agents e.g. Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR) / BHV-1
- Hemadsorbing agents e.g. Parainfluenza Type 3 (PI3)

Sera are tested for the absence of the indicated viruses by inoculation to permissive cells. The revelation is made by immunofluorescence for pestiviruses. Cytopathogenic agents and hemadsorbing agents are detected by microscopic observations.

### Endotoxin

All sera are tested to determine the levels of endotoxins. BioWest carries out a chromokinetic quantitative test, according to the method D of the European Pharmacopoeia.

The endotoxin reagent is standardized against the US reference endotoxin.

### Haemoglobin

The haemoglobin level is measured by spectrophotometer.

### Osmolality

Determined by a lowered freezing temperature. The osmometer is calibrated against standard solutions.

### Cell Culture

Biological performance is assessed using cell culture medium supplemented with the serum being tested.

During the test period, cultures are examined microscopically for any morphological abnormalities that may indicate toxic components in the serum.

### Cell Culture Tests:

Cell Growth, Plating Efficiency, Cloning Efficiency.

## Cell Lines Tested:

The following cell lines are tested with the serum:

HELA -Cancer Cell/Human.  
L929 -Fibroblast-Mouse/ As Macrophage  
SP2/0-AG14 -Mouse/Lymphoma  
MRC- 5 -Human/Lung.

## Total Protein:

Determined by Biuret Colorimetry.

## IgG Depletion:

Immunoglobulin G is present in soluble form in serum and can interfere in immunology experiments. To improve the efficiency of the serum in specific applications requiring the absence of IgG, the depletion treatment is performed.

IgG levels are tested prior to the treatment. The IgG depletion is made on sterile serum by a chromatographic purification method. IgG levels are tested after treatment to ensure a rate  $< 5 \mu\text{g/ml}$ . The serum treated is finally sterile filtered ( $0.1 \mu\text{m}$ ).

## Effects of the IgG Depletion:

- Significant decrease in IgG level ( $< 5 \mu\text{g/ml}$ )
- Decrease of osmolality
- No significant effect on pH and endotoxin level
- Reduction of haemoglobin level
- Decrease of serum metabolites (ALP, ALT, AST, LDH)
- Breakdown of some proteins
- Slight discoloration of the product
- Possible decrease of growth promotion, plating efficiency and cloning efficiency with some cell lines

Biowest suggests you to test your cell lines with serum IgG depleted and not in order to define the potential impact of the IgG depletion on your applications.

## Country of Origin:

The country in which the serum was taken from the donor/animal.

BioWest sera are sourced from the following countries

USA

Japan Approved

Chile (USDA Approved)

Central America (USDA Approved)

Mexico (USDA Approved)

Denmark

Ireland

South America

France

## Storage conditions:

Store at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$

## Shelf life:

5 years

**Recommended use:**

- Respect storage conditions of the serum
- Do not use the serum after its expiry date
- Store serum in an area protected from light
- Manipulate serum in aseptic conditions (e.g.: under laminar air flow)
- Wear clothes adapted to the manipulation of serum to avoid contamination (e.g.: gloves, mask, hygiene cap, overall...)
- In order to preserve all serum qualities, it is recommended to thaw out the flask, to aliquote, then to re-freeze the produced flasks rather than to thaw out and re-freeze the flask at each use.
- It is recommended to use the serum immediately after its thaw out. However, if it is not useful, it is possible to store thaw out serum, at +2°C / +8°C, until 26 weeks without significant decrease of its performances in cell culture.

The product is intended to be used in vitro, in laboratory only. Do not use it in therapy, human or veterinary applications.