

Mannan-binding lectin standard serum (human)

Normal Human Serum

PRODUCT NO. **SER 101**

PRESENTATION Preparation: Freeze-dried, undiluted pooled human serum
 Content: Mannan-binding lectin (MBL), 1000 arbitrary units (AU) per ml
 Storage: At -20°C
 Stability: 2 years

PREPARATION All individual sera and the serum pool were tested negative for HBsAg and for antibodies against HIV-1, HIV-2 and HCV. Blood from 30 healthy donors was collected in flasks without anticoagulant and allowed to clot. Serum was collected after centrifugation and pooled in a 10-liter flask. After mixing, 1-ml aliquots of the serum were pipetted into 2-ml vials. Each vial was assigned an MBL content of 1000 AU. The material was freeze-dried and the vials closed under vacuum.

BACKGROUND Human MBL₁ is an opsonin, which activates the complement system₂ on binding to microbial polysaccharides. Plasma concentrations of normally oligomerized MBL range from 0 to 7000 ng/ml and may be below 50 ng/ml in up to 12% of healthy Caucasian blood donors. Low plasma concentrations may be associated with an inherited opsonin defect₃.

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