Escherichia coli Anti-F41 Pilus Polyclonal Antibody (F41 PAb) - Lot ID IRP F41 PAb, NVSL Lot 1

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1. **Reagent Name:** *Escherichia coli* Anti-F41 Pilus Polyclonal Antibody (F41 PAb).

2. **Strain or Source:** Not applicable

3. **Lot Number:** IRP F41 PAb, NVSL Lot 1

4. **Fill Date:** April 30, 1993

5. **Expiration Date:** November 30, 2026

**Precautions:** There are no known hazards associated with the use of this reagent.

6. **Intended Use:** For use in potency testing of *E. coli* biologicals containing the F41 pilus antigen, according to **Supplemental Assay Method (SAM) 623**.

7. **Instructions for Use:** Dilute the F41 PAb 1:1,000 in cold carbonate-bicarbonate coating buffer (0.05M, pH 9.6) and use immediately, according to **SAM 623**.

8. **Test of Reagent:** The F41 PAb was evaluated using agglutination assays and enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. The F41 PAb was shown to be specific for F41 pilus antigen, with negligible reactivity against other pilus types and non-piliated mutants of *E. coli*. It exhibits minimal nonspecific binding (background) in assays performed according to **SAM 623**. The optimal use dilution was determined by titration, using the assay described in **SAM 623**.

9. **Container Size, Type, Weight, or Volume:** 250-µL aliquots in microfuge vials (Lot size: 279 mL)

10. **Storage Conditions:** -20° to -80°C for long term storage. Vial may be held at 2°- 7°C for several weeks.

11. **CVB Technical Contact:** Bacteriology Section, Center for Veterinary Biologies, (515) 337-6100 or FAX (515) 337-7673.

12. **Origin and Passage History:** NVSL Lot 1

13. **Method of Preparation:** F41 PAb was produced in New Zealand White rabbits. Each rabbit received 5 intravenous doses of NADC *E. coli* strain 1839 (F41) given at 7-day intervals. The first 3 doses contained formalin-killed *E. coli*, and the final 2 doses contained live *E. coli*. 
Serum was harvested, pooled, and adsorbed 6 times with non-piliated bacteria (NADC, *E. coli* strain 1839) to remove antibodies not directed against F41 pili. The F41 PAb was filter-sterilized and frozen at -70°C or lower.

14. Other:

**Restrictions:** For use only in potency tests conducted according to SAM 623.

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Reagent orders forms (APHIS Form 2018) can be found on the CVB website.