Activated Epsilon Toxin, from *Clostridium perfringens*

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**Product Description:**
Epsilon protoxin was purified from culture supernatants of *Clostridium perfringens* (C. perfringens) strain ATCC® 3626™ and activated by trypsin digestion to produce NR-4670. The protein is suitable for western blots and cytotoxicity assays.1 Epsilon protoxin is produced by strains of *C. perfringens* that inhabit the intestinal tract of sheep and lambs. Intoxication results in enterotoxemia and neurological disorders and is usually fatal in certain livestock. The sequence of the gene for the epsilon protoxin precursor protein has been reported (GenBank: M95206 and M80387).2,4 The structure of epsilon protoxin has been solved (PDB: 1UY1).3

**Material Provided:**
Each vial of NR-4670 contains approximately 0.05 mg of epsilon toxin suspended in 0.1 M ammonium carbonate (pH 8.0). The concentration, expressed as mg per mL, is shown on the Certificate of Analysis. Considerable lot to lot variation in the specific activity of the toxin in cellular cytotoxicity assays has been observed. The CD20, expressed as a molar concentration, is shown on the Certificate of Analysis for each lot.

**Packaging/Storage:**
NR-4670 was packaged aseptically in plastic cryovials. The product is provided frozen on dry ice and should be stored at -20°C or colder immediately upon arrival. Repeated freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided. For long-term storage, the contributor recommends -80°C or colder.

**Functional Activity:**
NR-4670 reacts with polyclonal immunoglobulin G produced by immunization of rabbits with peptides that correspond to distinct internal regions of the full-length epsilon toxin (BEI Resources NR-865).

**Citation:**
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**Biosafety Level:**
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**References:**
3. Havard, H. L., S. E. Hunter, and R. W. Tibball. “Comparison of the Nucleotide Sequence and


**Table 1: Predicted Protein Sequence**

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