

**Ag85 Complex, Purified Native Protein from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, Strain H37Rv**

**Catalog No. NR-14855**

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**Product Description:**

The Antigen 85 complex was isolated from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (*M. tuberculosis*), strain H37Rv culture filtrate proteins and purified.<sup>1</sup> This complex of fibronectin-binding proteins Ag85A (FbpA), Ag85B (FbpB), and Ag85C (FbpC) is the major secreted protein component of *M. tuberculosis* culture fluids and plays a key role in the pathogenesis of tuberculosis.<sup>2,3,4</sup> This protein complex is highly immunogenic and plays a role in cell wall assembly via a mycolyltransferase exchange process. All three purified antigens have shown extensive cross-reactivity and stimulate complement-mediated phagocytosis by host macrophages.<sup>2,3</sup>

**Material Provided:**

Each vial contains approximately 500 µg of lyophilized, purified Ag85 complex from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, strain H37Rv in 10 mM ammonium bicarbonate.

Note: NR-14855 is soluble in 100 mM to 500 mM aqueous buffered salt solutions, such as phosphate buffered saline. A 10 mM ammonium bicarbonate solution can also be used.

**Packaging/Storage:**

NR-14855 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen on dry ice and should be stored at -80°C or colder immediately upon arrival. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

**Citation:**

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