Sheep Anti-Rat Thymocyte (Thy-1) Serum

For the Induction of Mesangial Proliferative Glomerulonephritis#

Materials supplied:

Anti-thymocyte (ATS) Serum, in 0.02 M phosphate buffered saline PBS, pH 7.4. Store at ~20°C or below. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw. Slight precipitate may form when thawed, centrifuge X 3,000-5,000 RPM; 30 minutes before injection.

Materials needed:

Approved protocol from your Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

Plastic syringes, 1 - 3 ml

27 ga needles

25 Male Sprague-Dawley rats (175-200 gm body wt)

Anesthetic: (consult your institutional veterinarian)

Directions for use:

This package contains sufficient antibody to induce mesangioproliferative glomerulonephritis in 25 rats (175-200 gm, 0.4 ml/100 gm, body wt) when used according to instructions. Please read carefully before starting.

Injection of anti-Thymocyte serum: Anesthetize rats according to your IACUC guidelines. Inject appropriate volume of ATS into a tail vein over a 15 second interval. Return the rat to its cage. Severity of disease is dose dependent. For a more fulminant disease inject more volume. If larger rats are required, adjust volume proportionately. It is important that the complete dose of antibody is delivered properly. If the investigator is not experienced in tail vein injections, saline injections in practice rats are recommended before proceeding with antibody experiments.

Description of Renal Disease:

Mesangiolyis occurs shortly after injection of antibody (1). Mesangioproliferative lesions begin 3-7 days after injection (1). Lesions resolve within several weeks after injection of antibody. A progressive glomerulosclerosis and fibrosis can be induced by multiple injections of ATS several days apart (1,2)*. Apoptosis has also been observed early (3,4) and late (5) in the progression of anti-Thy-1 nephritis providing a model to study mechanisms of programmed cell death in renal disease*.

Glomerulus 5-days after injection of ATS showing mesangial proliferative lesions.

6. # induces a diffuse GN when used according to instructions

* Reported in the literature but Probetex has not tested this product for this application.