## **INSTRUCTIONS**





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Number Description

**EMCA** (*N*-ε-maleimidocaproic acid), 1g

Formula: C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>
Molecular Weight: 211.21

Spacer Arm: 9.4Å

**Storage:** Upon receipt store product desiccated at 4°C. Product is shipped at ambient temperature.

## Introduction

Thermo Scientific EMCA is a heterobifunctional crosslinker that reacts with sulfhydryls (-SH) to present a terminal carboxyl group. Additionally, the carboxyl can be coupled to amine-containing molecules using the water-soluble carbodiimide EDC. The EDC reaction results in an intermediate ester, which can react with primary amines to form amide bonds. Thus, amine-containing molecules can be modified to contain sulfhydryl-reactive maleimides using these reagents.

## **Product Information**

- Allow vial contents to warm completely to room temperature before opening, to prevent condensation inside the vial and subsequent hydrolysis of the reagent. Do not store the crosslinker in solution, as hydrolysis may occur, opening the maleimide ring and rendering it non-reactive toward sulfhydryls.
- To introduce maleimide groups into proteins or other molecules containing primary amines, react the carboxylic acid group to amines using EDC (Product No. 22981). Use 0.1M MES, pH 4.7 (Product No. 28390) for the EDC reaction, as the low pH is optimal for the carbodiimide reaction while preserving the integrity of the maleimide.
- Maleimides react with sulfhydryls (–SH) at pH 6.5-7.5 to form stable thioether bonds. At pH values > 7.5, reactivity toward primary amines and hydrolysis of the maleimide group can occur. Maleimide reactions are complete in 2 hours at room temperature or 4 hours at 4°C.
- For maleimide reactivity, molecules must have free sulfhydryl group(s) available. Disulfide bonds can be reduced to produce free sulfhydryls. After reduction, most reducing reagents must be removed before conjugation. The Thermo Scientific Immobilized Reductant Column (Product No. 77701) and Immobilized TCEP Disulfide Reducing Gel (Product No. 77712) enable peptide or protein reduction while recovering the sample in the absence of reducing agents.

## **Related Thermo Scientific Products**

22980	EDC, 5g
22981	<b>EDC</b> , 25g
77149	<b>EDC</b> , 10g
28390	BupH <sup>TM</sup> MES Buffered Saline Packs, 10 packs
28372	BupH™ Phosphate Buffered Saline Packs, 40 packs
69576	<b>Slide-A-Lyzer® MINI Dialysis Unit Kit,</b> for 10-100 µl sample volumes, 10 units plus float
89889	Zeba <sup>TM</sup> Spin Desalting Columns, 2mL, 5/pkg
89891	Zeba <sup>TM</sup> Spin Desalting Columns, 5mL, 5/pkg
22605	MSA, 50mg, amine-reactive crosslinker with a latent carboxyl group



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