INSTRUCTIONS



MMTS

(Methyl methanethiosulfonate)

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Number Description

23011 MMTS (Methyl methanethiosulfonate), 200mg (~150µL)

Formula: $C_2H_6O_2S_2$

Molecular Weight: 126.2

Form: liquid, dispensed by weight

Density: ~1.34 CAS #: 2949-92-0

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

Introduction

Thermo Scientific MMTS is a sulfhydryl-reactive compound that is useful for reversibly sulfenylating thiol-containing molecules. Reaction of MMTS with reduced sulfhydryls (-SH) results in their modification to dithiomethane (-S-S-CH₃). Subsequent treatment with reducing agents such as dithiothreitol (DTT), 2-mercaptoethanol (2-ME) or Tris(2-carboxyethyl) phosphine hydrochloride (TCEP) will cleave the disulfide groups to restore the original sulfhydryl. For irreversible blocking of sulfhydryl groups, use *N*-ethylmaleimide (NEM, see Related Thermo Scientific Products). MMTS is commonly used to study biochemical pathways involving thiol-dependent enzymes.

Considerations for Use

Reactions with MMTS must be performed in buffers free of sulfhydryl-containing reagents except those intended to be modified. Compatible buffers include phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) and 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazine-1-ethanesulfonic acid (HEPES) at pH 7-8. The liquid reagent (~99% pure) is a 10.6M solution. Final concentrations of 1-1000µM MMTS, comprising a several-fold molar excess over the sulfhydryl targets, are usually sufficient to have measurable effects in assays of thiol-dependent biochemical pathways.

Related Thermo Scientific Products

20291 No-WeighTM Dithiothreitol (DTT), 48×7.7 mg

20490 TCEP•HCl, 1g

23030 N-Ethylmaleimide (NEM), 25g

28372 BupH™ Phosphate Buffered Saline Packs, 40 packs

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