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Product Information

Fetuin from fetal bovine serum

Product Number **F 2379**
Storage Temperature 2-8 °C

Product Description

Molecular weight: 48.4 kDa¹
CAS Number: 9014-81-7
pI: 3.3¹; 3.2 - 3.8²
Extinction Coefficient: $E^{1\%} = 4.1$
(278 nm)¹; $E^{1\%} = 4.5$ (278 nm)³
Synonym: Fetuin Type III.

Fetuin is a protein which contributes to the attachment and spreading of cells in culture medium. Researchers often add serum that contains fetuin for this purpose.

Fetuin can be used as a glycoprotein standard for carbohydrate structure in a glycoprotein. The structural elucidation of the carbohydrate portion of fetuin has been published.⁴⁻⁸ The cDNA and amino acid sequences has been reported.⁴ Fetuin contains 12 Cys residues, all involved in disulfide bridges.⁹

The composition of bovine fetuin (weight %) is polypeptide 74%, hexose 8.3%, hexosamines 5.5%, and sialic acid 8.7%.¹ This product usually assays at 5-8% total sialic acid. Nearly all of this sialic acid is bound. The amount of free sialic acid is typically less than 0.3%. A method for determining free sialic acid content has been published.¹⁰

Precautions and Disclaimer

For Laboratory Use Only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in water (1 mg/ml), yielding a clear to slightly hazy, colorless to very faint yellow solution.

Storage/Stability

Solutions of fetuin are stable for approximately 2 weeks when stored at 2-8 °C and for several months when aliquoted and stored at -20 °C. This assumption is based on the observation that cells are still active in serum, which has been stored under the above conditions. Fetuin is a component of serum.

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