

Product Information

**CYTOSINE β -D-ARABINOFURANOSIDE,
Hydrochloride**
Sigma Prod. No. C6645

CAS NUMBER: 69-74-9

SYNONYMS: AraC, Arabinosylcytosine,
1- β -D-Arabinofuranosylcytosine, Cytabarine, Cytosine
Arabinoside

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:

Appearance: white powder
 $E_{1\%}^{1\text{cm}}$ (280nm) = 13.3 (0.1 M HCl)

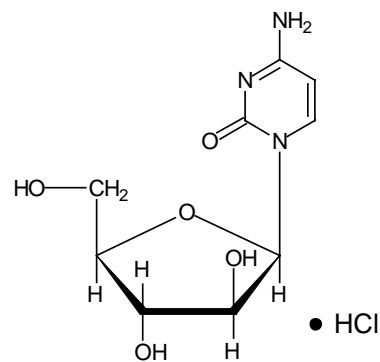
$$A_{250\text{nm}}/A_{260\text{nm}} = 0.43$$

$$A_{280\text{nm}}/A_{260\text{nm}} = 2.20$$

Molecular Formula: $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{O}_5 \cdot \text{HCl}$

Formula weight: 279.7

Purity: Approx. 99% by HPLC



PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

AraC is synthetically prepared and purified by recrystallization.

STABILITY / STORAGE AS SUPPLIED:

AraC is sensitive to light. It is recommended to store this product at 2-8°C and in dark. If stored as recommended, it will have a shelf-life of up to 4 years.

SOLUBILITY / SOLUTION STABILITY:

Sigma routinely tests the solubility of this product in water at a concentration of 50 mg/mL yielding a clear, colorless solution.

Solutions stored at -20°C and protected from light will be stable for up to one year. Solutions stored at room temperature in physiological buffer will be stable for 24 hours.¹

USAGE / APPLICATIONS:

AraC is a selective inhibitor of DNA synthesis that does not affect RNA synthesis in mammalian cells.² It is used as an antineoplastic and antiviral agent.¹

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2. *Data for Biochemical Research*, 3rd ed., 260-261 (1986).

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