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Product Information

2-Propanol

Product Number **I9516**
Store at Room Temperature

Product Description

Molecular Formula: C₃H₈O
Molecular Weight: 60.10
CAS Number: 67-63-0
Boiling Point: 82.5 °C (760 torr)¹
Density: 0.78505 g/ml (20 °C)
Synonym: isopropanol, secondary propyl alcohol, dimethyl carbinol¹

This product is designated as molecular biology grade and is suitable for the precipitation of nucleic acids.

Isopropanol is a polar organic solvent that is widely used in chemistry, biochemistry and molecular biology. Industrial applications include its use in antifreezes, quick-drying oils, and quick-drying inks, and as a solvent for gums, shellac, and essential oils.¹ Isopropanol has been utilized as a solvent in the synthesis of solid phase acylating agents.²

Protocols for the use of isopropanol in DNA precipitation from mammalian tissue, ethidium bromide extraction from DNA samples, and RNA isolation from cells and tissues have been reported.³ Isopropanol has been utilized in protein crystallization.^{4,5,6} The use of isopropanol to isolate retinoids from biological matrices for HPLC and HPLC-MS analysis has been reported.^{7,8}

A mathematical analysis of isopropanol and other organic solvents to examine the selectivity of stationary phases and organic modifiers in reverse-phase HPLC systems has been published.⁹

Precautions and Disclaimer

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

Preparation Instructions

This product is miscible in water, alcohol, ether, and chloroform.¹

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