

Product Information

99373 Potassium ionophore I - Cocktail B

(Potassium-selective membrane solution for microelectrodes (low impedance))

Selectophore®, function tested

Electrochemical Transduction Microelectrodes

Application 1 and Sensor Type¹⁻⁵

Assay of K⁺ activity in extra- and intracellular (single cell) liquids with K⁺ microelectrodes based on Potassium ionophore I. Potassium ionophore I – Cocktail B shows low impedance and differs from Potassium ionophore I – Cocktail A in its selectivity coefficients.

Potassium ionophore I – Cocktail B ([99373](#))

Cocktail Composition:

- 5.0 wt% Potassium ionophore I ([60403](#))
- 93.0 wt% 1,2-Dimethyl-3-nitrobenzene ([40870](#))
- 2.0 wt% Potassium tetrakis(4-chlorophenyl)borate ([60591](#))

Recommended Cell Assembly

Reference || sample solution || cocktail | 0.01 M KCl | AgCl, Ag

Electrode Characteristics and Function

Selectivity coefficients $\log K_{K,M}^{Pot}$ as obtained by the separate solution method (0.1 M solutions of the chlorides).

$\log K_{K,Li}^{Pot}$	-4.2	$\log K_{K,Ca}^{Pot}$	-4.9
$\log K_{K,Na}^{Pot}$	-3.9	$\log K_{K,Acetylcholine}^{Pot}$	-3.5
$\log K_{K,Mg}^{Pot}$	-4.6		

Slope of linear regression:	57.8±1.2 mV/dec (10 ⁻⁴ to 10 ⁻¹ KCl)
Detection limit (KCl, ion background of 140 mM Na ⁺):	$\log a_K \sim -4.8$
Response time:	time constant of electrode response <1 s
Electrical resistance, tip diameter ~1 µm:	1.2·10 ¹⁰ Ω ³

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