

Product Information

Cytochrome c from bovine heart

C2037

Storage Temperature -20 °C.

CAS# 9007-43-6

Synonym: Ferricytochrome c (oxidized state)

Product Description

Cytochrome c is an electron-carrying mitochondrial protein composed of 104 amino acid residues.¹ It is a heme protein containing a single polypeptide chain and a single heme group, which is covalently attached to the polypeptide. The ready fluctuation of cytochrome c within the cell between the ferrous and ferric states, makes it an efficient biological electron-transporter and it plays a vital role in cellular oxidations in both plants and animals. It is generally regarded as a universal catalyst of respiration, forming an essential electron-bridge between the respirable substrates and oxygen.

This Cytochrome c product is prepared from bovine heart by a modification of a published method.² The product is supplied as a lyophilized powder. The final step before lyophilization is extensive dialysis against 6 mM Ammonium hydroxide, which is volatile under lyophilization conditions, so the final product should not contain any buffer salts.

The product is mainly the oxidized form of the protein. The reduced form of cytochrome c can be prepared with either Sodium dithionite or Sodium ascorbate, followed by gel filtration.³

Molecular mass:⁴ 12,327 g/molIsoelectric point (pI):⁵ range of 10.0–10.5Spectral properties:⁶

- λ_{\max} = 550 nm (reduced form)
- E^{mM} = 28.0 (reduced form, 0.1 M phosphate buffer, pH 6.8)
- E^{mM} = 8.4 (oxidized form, 0.1 M phosphate buffer, pH 6.8)
- Purity: \geq 95% (SDS-PAGE and spectral assay)

Precautions and Disclaimer

This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

Preparation Instructions

Cytochrome c is soluble in water or buffered solutions at pH 7.0 \pm 1.0 (up to 200 mg/mL), yielding a clear, dark red solution. For general purposes reconstitution is done at 10 mg/mL.

Storage/Stability

Store cytochrome c at -20 °C. The product, as supplied, is stable for 5 years.

Recommended storage time for aqueous solutions

- Storage at -20 °C (freezer) – 6 months
- Storage at 2-8 °C (refrigerator) – 2 weeks
- Storage at 20-25 °C (ambient temperature) – 3 days

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