

IPTG (Isopropyl β-D-Thiogalactopyranoside)

CAS Number: 367-93-1

Storage Temperature: 2-8 °C

Product Description:

Appearance: White solid

Molecular Formula: C9H18O5S

Molecular Weight: 238.30

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IPTG is a non-metabolizable galactose analog that induces expression of the lac operon in Escherichia coli. IPTG functions by binding to the lac repressor and altering its conformation. This inactivation prevents the repression of the β -galactosidase coding lac gene. While not a substrate for β -glactosidase, it is a substrate for thiogalactoside transacetylase and has been reported to be an inducer of penicillinase activity in bacteria.

IPTG is a commonly used reagent in cloning procedures that require induction of β -galactosidase activity and is used in conjunction with X-Gal, in blue-white color selection of recombinant bacterial colonies.

Preparation Instructions:

IPTG is soluble at 250 mg/ml in water and may be sterilized by filtration through a 0.22 mm filter. The solution may be aliquoted and stored at -20 °C. IPTG solutions can be stored at room temperature for up to one month. When preparing culture plates, aliquots of X-Gal and IPTG may be added to the agar solution after it has been cooled to ~45 °C.

Storage/Stability:

As supplied, these products should be stored at 2-8 °C and will have shelf-lives of 5 years.

Precautions and Disclaimer:

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