

Adenosine

Product Number **A4036**

Storage Temperature 2-8 °C

Product Description

Molecular Formula: $C_{10}H_{13}N_5O_4$

Molecular Weight: 267.2

CAS Number: 58-61-7

Specific Rotation: -61.7° (7 mg/100 ml, in water)¹

pK_a values: 3.5, 12.5²

Extinction Coefficient: $E^{mM} = 15.4$

(259 nm, 0.01 M PO₄, pH 7)³

Melting Point: 234 - 235 °C¹

Synonyms: Adenine-9-β-D-ribofuranoside, Adenine riboside, 9-β-D-Ribofuranosyladenine

This product is cell culture tested and is appropriate for use in cell culture applications.

The nucleoside adenosine consists of the purine adenine and the sugar ribose. Adenosine is the product of the degradation of adenosine monophosphate (AMP). Ribonucleic acid (RNA) contains adenosine as one of its constituent nucleosides, with the nucleosides joined by 3'-5'-phosphodiester linkages.⁴

Adenosine stimulates adenosine (A₁) receptors and diminishes conduction through the atrioventricular node to act as an antiarrhythmic.⁵ The role of adenosine and other nucleosides in the regulation of cardiac blood flow has been reviewed.⁶ A review of adenosine levels and their relation to neuronal activity in the context of prolonged wakefulness has been published.⁷

Precautions and Disclaimer

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

Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in 1 M NH₄OH (50 mg/ml), with heat as needed, yielding a clear, colorless solution. This product is also soluble in water (7 mg/100 ml).¹

Adenosine readily hydrolyzes in dilute mineral acids to adenine and D-ribose. Nitrous acid causes deamination.²

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