

## Product Information

### Polyinosinic-Polycytidylic acid

Catalog Numbers **P1530**, **P0913**, and **P9582**

Storage Temperature  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Catalog Number **P1530**: Poly (I:C) sodium salt

Catalog Number **P0913**: Poly (I:C) sodium salt,  
 $\gamma$ -irradiated

Catalog Number **P9582**: 10% Poly (I:C) with sodium  
chloride and sodium phosphate buffer salts

CAS RN: 42424-50-0 (sodium salt)

Synonyms: Poly(I)-Poly(C); Poly (I:C)

#### Product Description

Double-stranded RNA (dsRNA) is a molecular pattern associated with viral infection because it is produced by most viruses at some point during their replication.

Toll-like receptors (TLRs) are a family of innate immune-recognition receptors that recognize molecular patterns associated with microbial pathogens (Pathogen-Associated Molecular Patterns, PAMPs), and induce antimicrobial immune responses.

Mammalian TLR3 is an intracellular receptor, which recognizes polyinosine-polycytidylic acid [Poly (I:C)], and can activate Nuclear Factor  $\kappa\text{B}$  (NF- $\kappa\text{B}$ ) and the production of type I interferons (IFNs) leading to cytokine production.<sup>1</sup>

Transfection of Poly (I:C) into NIT-1 cells has been used as a model of intracellular dsRNA-induced  $\beta$ -cell apoptosis. Eighteen hours post transfection, 45% of the cells were apoptotic with an increase in NF- $\kappa\text{B}$ , p50/p65 nuclear translocation, and cleavage of caspases 3 and 8, as well as transcriptional induction of caspase 12, Fas, IL-15, and the TNF receptor-associated ligand (TRAIL).<sup>2</sup>

It has been suggested that Poly(I:C) is one of the most appropriate generators of stable mature dendritic cells (DC). These mature DC might generate *in vivo* effective immune responses after injection due to their ability to secrete bioactive IL-12 after CD40 ligation.<sup>3</sup>

Poly (I:C) was used as a potent adjuvant to enhance the specific anti-tumor immune responses against a peptide-based vaccine.<sup>4</sup>

The products are supplied as lyophilized powders.

Purity:  $\geq 99\%$  (TLC, less than 1% free nucleotides)

#### Precautions and Disclaimer

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

#### Preparation Instructions

The products are soluble in water (10 mg/ml), yielding a very faint hazy to clear, colorless solution.

The products require ionic strength to maintain the double-strand structure. To prevent denaturation, reconstitute Catalog Numbers P1530 and P0913 in solutions with physiological salt concentrations (e.g., saline solution). Reconstitution may prove difficult, and require heating ( $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and cooling to achieve re-annealing.

Reconstitution of Catalog Number P9582 at  $\sim 10\text{ mg/ml}$  of water yields a polynucleotide in physiological phosphate buffered solution.

#### Storage/Stability

Store the products desiccated at  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Under these conditions the products remain active for 3 years.

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