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## Product Information

### Poly-DL-lysine hydrobromide

Product Number **P 8905**  
Storage Temperature -0 °C

#### Product Description

Molecular weight range: 15 - 30 kDa

Poly-DL-Lysine is a charge enhancer, therefore, it can be used for coating many surfaces. When used to coat ELISA plates, it tends to improve binding of IgG. High pH will aid binding to the plates.

Certain cells can digest poly-L-lysine, in which case only the poly-D-lysine should be used. This product is a mixture of both D- and L- forms. The lower molecular weight poly-DL-lysine products (1-4 kDa, 30-70 kDa) are easier to use because they are less viscous in solution, but the higher molecular weight poly-DL-lysine (>70 kDa) provides more attachment sites per molecule.

There might be a small amount of product in the  $\beta$  structure, but very little. This is because the HBr interferes with hydrogen bonding between the amino and carboxyl groups, or between the amino group and other N or O containing moieties. The secondary structures of polyamino acids have never been extensively studied, but it is known that the degree of secondary conformational regularity depends on the amino acid in the polymer.

#### Precautions and Disclaimer

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

#### Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in water (50 mg/ml).

#### Procedure

For coating slides with poly-DL-lysine, in general, it is recommended to use a 0.01% (w/v) solution. After a 5 minute incubation, the excess solution is removed and the slides are dried at room temperature or in an oven at gentle heat. Coated slides should be stable for one year if protected from dust. There is no need to sterilize slides coated with poly-DL-lysine by autoclaving; simply expose the slides to UV light overnight.

If uneven coating occurs, the glass slides may be pretreated with 1 mM magnesium acetate for 2-3 hours and then rinsed well before coating. Alternatively, they may be acid washed (hydrochloric acid or sulfuric acid). This treatment should allow for an even coating with the poly-DL-lysine solution.

This product can also be used to coat tissue culture plasticware. A solution of 0.1 mg/ml is prepared and 0.5 ml is aseptically transferred to a non-tissue culture treated 25 cm<sup>2</sup> flask. The flask is gently rocked to evenly coat the surface. After five minutes, the excess solution is removed and the surface is thoroughly rinsed with sterile water and allowed to dry for several hours.

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