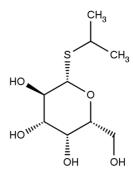


## IPTG, ultra pure

**Stability:** store at -20°C, protect from light



## **Background**

Isopropyl  $\beta$ -D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG) is a molecular mimic of allolactose, a lactose metabolite that triggers transcription of the lac operon, and it is therefore used to induce protein expression where the gene is under the control of the lac operator. Like allolactose, IPTG binds to the lac repressor and releases the tetrameric repressor from the lac operator in an allosteric manner, thereby allowing the transcription of genes in the lac operon, such as the gene coding for beta-galactosidase, a hydrolase enzyme that catalyzes the hydrolysis of  $\beta$ -galactosides into monosaccharides. But unlike allolactose, the sulfur (S) atom creates a chemical bond which is non-hydrolyzable by the cell, preventing the cell from metabolizing or degrading the inducer. The concentration of IPTG therefore remains constant and the expression of lac p/o-controlled genes would not be inhibited during the experiment. In blue-white screen, IPTG is used together with X-gal. Blue-white screen allows colonies that have been transformed with the recombinant plasmid rather than a non-recombinant one to be identified in cloning experiments.

Tests Specifications

**Assay (HPLC):** ≥99%

Solution (25°C, 5% in H<sub>2</sub>O): clear, colorless

**Water (K.F.):** ≤1.0%

**Melting point:** 106.5 – 113.5°C

pH (25°C, 5%, H₂O): 5.0 – 7.0

Dioxane (GLC): ≤1 ppm

Optical Rotation (C=1, H₂O): -31.0 - -33.0°

Abs. (2% in H<sub>2</sub>O, 1 cm)

 $A_{260}$   $\leq 0.07$   $A_{280}$   $\leq 0.050$ 

## Usage

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