

Thiazolyl blue tetrazolium bromide (MTT)

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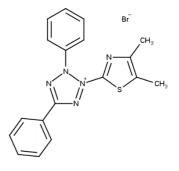
 Formula:
 C18H16BrN₅S

 MW:
 414.33

 Supplied as:
 solid

Stability: store at 4°C, protect from light

Retest: 10/2027



Background

MTT, a yellow tetrazole, is reduced to purple formazan in living cells. A solubilization solution (usually either dimethyl sulfoxide, an acidified ethanol solution, or a solution of the detergent sodium dodecyl sulfate in diluted hydrochloric acid) is added to dissolve the insoluble purple formazan product into a colored solution. The absorbance of this colored solution can be quantified by measuring at a certain wavelength (usually between 500 and 600 nm) by a spectrophotometer. The degree of light absorption depends on the solvent.

Tests Specifications

Purity (titr.): ≥98.0% Specific extinction E (1%/1 cm): min. 480

Abs. max. (in H_2O) 239.0 – 247.0 nm

Solubility (5% in methanol) Clear

Melting point: $192 - 210^{\circ}$ C

Usage

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