

Product Name: Melittin
CAS Number: 20449-79-0

Catalog No.: 1193 **Batch No.:** 15

1. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Batch Molecular Formula: C₁₃₁H₂₂₉N₃₉O₃₁
Batch Molecular Weight: 2847
Physical Appearance: White lyophilised solid
Counter Ion: Trifluoroacetate
Solubility: Soluble to 1 mg/ml in water
Storage: Store at -20°C
Peptide Sequence: Gly-Ile-Gly-Ala-Val-Leu-Lys-Val-Leu-Thr-Thr-Gly-Leu-Pro-Ala-Leu-Ile-Ser-Trp-Ile-Lys-Arg-Lys-Arg-Gln-Gln-NH₂

2. ANALYTICAL DATA

HPLC: Shows 98.7% purity
Mass Spectrum: Consistent with structure

3. AMINO ACID ANALYSIS DATA

Amino Acid Theoretical Actual			Amino Acid Theoretical Actual		
Ala	2.00	1.93	Lys	3.00	3.00
Arg	2.00	2.11	Met		
Asx			Phe		
Cys			Pro	1.00	1.00
Glx	2.00	2.14	Ser	1.00	0.79
Gly	3.00	2.94	Thr	2.00	1.67
His			Trp	1.00	0.25
Ile	3.00	2.94	Tyr		
Leu	4.00	3.94	Val	2.00	2.01

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Description:

Melittin is a inhibitor of G_s and stimulates G_i activity. Inhibits protein kinase C and cAMP-dependent protein kinases. Na^+/K^+ ATPase inhibitor.

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Physical Appearance: White lyophilised solid

Peptide Sequence:

Gly-Ile-Gly-Ala-Val-Leu-Lys-Val-Leu-
Thr-Thr-Gly-Leu-Pro-Ala-Leu-Ile-Ser-
Trp-Ile-Lys-Arg-Lys-Arg-Gln-Gln-NH₂

Storage: Store at -20°C**Solubility & Usage Info:**

Soluble to 1 mg/ml in water

This product is supplied in lyophilized form. It may appear as a solid, gel or film and be very hard to visualize. Solutions should be made by adding solvent directly to the vial. The vial should then be vortexed vigorously to ensure the product has completely dissolved.

Counter Ion: Trifluoroacetate**Stability and Solubility Advice:**

Some solutions can be difficult to obtain and can be encouraged by rapid stirring, sonication or gentle warming (in a 45-60°C water bath).

Peptides in solution are much less stable than in lyophilized form. This is especially true for peptides whose sequences contain amino acids such as Cys, Met, Trp, Asn, Gln, and N-terminal Glu.

Therefore we recommend storing peptides in solution for as short a time as possible. Avoid repeated freeze thaw cycles by dividing the peptide solution into aliquots and storing the aliquots at -20°C. Any portion of an aliquot unused after thawing should be discarded.

Peptides stored in solution can occasionally be susceptible to bacterial degradation. We recommend using sterile solutions or passing the peptide solution through a 0.2 µm filter to remove potential bacterial contamination whenever possible.

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