# PRODUCT INFORMATION



# Calcein AM

Item No. 14948

CAS Registry No.: 148504-34-1

Formal Name: N,N'-[[3',6'-bis(acetyloxy)-

> 3-oxospiro[isobenzofuran-1(3H),9'-[9H]xanthene]-2',7'-diyl] bis(methylene)]bis[N-[2-[(acetyloxy) methoxy]-2-oxoethyl]]-glycine,

1,1'-bis[(acetyloxy)methyl] ester

Synonyms: Calcein Acetoxymethyl ester,

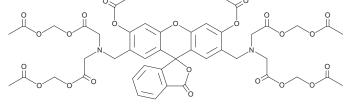
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 $C_{46}H_{46}N_2O_{23}$ MF:

994.9 FW: **Purity:** ≥90% Ex./Em. Max: 494/517 nm Supplied as: A crystalline solid

Storage: -20°C Stability: ≥4 years Special Conditions: Light sensitive

Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.



### **Laboratory Procedures**

Calcein AM is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the calcein AM in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. Calcein AM is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, methanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide. The solubility of calcein AM in these solvents is approximately 10 mg/ml.

## Description

Calcein AM is a cell-permeable dye that, upon entering live cells, is cleaved by intracellular esterases, leaving membrane-impermeant calcein (Item No. 16221), a fluorescent indicator with absorption and emission maxima of 494 and 517 nm, respectively. It can be used as an indicator of cell viability, cell-cell communication, cytotoxicity, or changes in intracellular calcium, fluoride, iron, or mercury.<sup>1,2</sup> As calcein is a substrate for multidrug resistance-associated protein 1 (MRP1) and multidrug resistance protein 3 (MDR3, P-glycoprotein 3), calcein AM is used to study these proteins and their regulation.<sup>3-5</sup>

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WARNING
THIS PRODUCT IS FOR RESEARCH ONLY - NOT FOR HUMAN OR VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

This material should be considered hazardous until further information becomes available. Do not ingest, inhale, get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Before use, the user must review the complete Safety Data Sheet, which has been sent via email to your institution.

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