PRODUCT INFORMATION



1-Ethyl-1-nitrosourea (hydrate)

Item No. 36264

Formal Name:	N-ethyl-N-nitroso-urea, hydrate	
Synonyms:	ENU, Ethylnitrosourea, N-Ethyl-N-nitrosourea,	
	N-Nitroso-N-ethylurea	O
MF:	$C_3H_7N_3O_2 \bullet XH_2O$	0 ^N N ^N NH ₂
FW:	117.1	
Purity:	≥95%	
UV/Vis.:	λ _{max} : 240 nm	
Supplied as:	A solid	• XH ₂ O
Storage:	-20°C	
Stability:	≥4 years	
Information represents the product specifications, Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.		

Laboratory Procedures

1-Ethyl-1-nitrosourea (ENU) (hydrate) is supplied as a solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the ENU (hydrate) in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. ENU (hydrate) is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of ENU (hydrate) in ethanol and DMSO is approximately 20 mg/ml and approximately 15 mg/ml in DMF.

Further dilutions of the stock solution into aqueous buffers or isotonic saline should be made prior to performing biological experiments. Ensure that the residual amount of organic solvent is insignificant, since organic solvents may have physiological effects at low concentrations. Organic solvent-free aqueous solutions of ENU (hydrate) can be prepared by directly dissolving the solid in aqueous buffers. The solubility of ENU (hydrate) in PBS (pH 7.2) is approximately 3 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

Description

ENU is a DNA alkylating agent.¹ It increases the concentrations of O^6 -ethylguanine, N^7 -ethylguanine, N^7 -ethyladenine, and N^3 -ethyladenine in rat brain. ENU (80 mg/kg) is teratogenic in vivo, inducing tumor formation and paw malformations in rat pups when administered to pregnant rats.²

References

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

SAFFTY DATA

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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