# PRODUCT INFORMATION



MEGA-8

Item No. 25701

CAS Registry No.: 85316-98-9

Formal Name: 1-deoxy-1-[methyl(1-oxooctyl)

amino]-D-glucitol

Synonym: N-octanoyl-N-Methylglucamine

MF:  $C_{15}H_{31}NO_{6}$ FW: 321.4 **Purity:** ≥98%

Supplied as: A crystalline solid

Storage: -20°C Stability: ≥4 years

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

## **Laboratory Procedures**

MEGA-8 is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the MEGA-8 in the solvent of choice. MEGA-8 is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF), which should be purged with an inert gas. The solubility of MEGA-8 in ethanol is approximately 1 mg/ml and approximately 30 mg/ml in DMSO and DMF.

MEGA-8 is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, MEGA-8 should first be dissolved in DMSO and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. MEGA-8 has a solubility of approximately 0.33 mg/ml in a 1:2 solution of DMSO:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

## Description

MEGA-8 is a nonionic detergent that can be used to solubilize membrane proteins. 1 It has a critical micelle concentration (CMC) of 70 mM under no-salt conditions and CMCs ranging from 5 to 64 mM under high and low salt conditions for a variety of salts.<sup>2</sup>

### References

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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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