# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## 2-Thiobarbituric Acid

Item No. 27367

CAS Registry No.: 504-17-6

Formal Name: dihydro-2-thioxo-4,6(1H,5H)-pyrimidinedione

Synonyms: 4,6-Dihydroxy-2-Mercaptopyrimidine,

2-Mercaptobarbituric Acid, NSC 4733

MF:  $C_4H_4N_2O_2S$ FW: 144.1 ≥95% **Purity:** 

UV/Vis.:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ : 212, 284 nm 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**

2-Thiobarbituric acid is supplied as a cyrstalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the 2-thiobarbituric acid in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. 2-Thiobarbituric acid is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of 2-thiobarbituric acid in ethanol is approximately 0.2 mg/ml and approximately 12 mg/ml in DMSO and 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 2-thiobarbituric acid can be prepared by directly dissolving the crystalline solid in aqueous buffers. The solubility of 2-thiobarbituric acid in PBS, pH 7.2, is approximately 0.5 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

#### Description

2-Thiobarbituric acid is a colorimetric reagent commonly used in the detection of malondialdehyde (MDA), a marker of lipid peroxidation. $^{1,2}$  2-Thiobarbituric acid forms a complex with MDA that can be quantified by colorimetric detection at 532 nm as a measure of lipid peroxidation.

#### References

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WARNING
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