# PRODUCT INFORMATION



# **FGTA**

Item No. 33963

CAS Registry No.: 67-42-5

Formal Name: 3,12-bis(carboxymethyl)-6,9-dioxa-3,12-

diazatetradecanedioic acid

Synonyms: Egtazic Acid, Ethylene Glycol bis(β-

aminoethyl ether)-N,N,N',N'-tetraacetic Acid,

Ethylene Glycol Tetraacetic Acid, GEDTA,

NSC 615010

MF:  $C_{14}H_{24}N_2O_{10}$ 

FW: 380.4 Supplied as: A 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**

EGTA is supplied as a solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the EGTA in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. EGTA is soluble in 1 M NaOH.

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 EGTA can be prepared by directly dissolving the solid in aqueous buffers. EGTA is slightly soluble PBS (pH 7.2). We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

# Description

EGTA is an aminopolycarboxylic acid chelating agent.  $^{1}$  It is selective for calcium over magnesium with  $K_{app}$ values for calcium ranging from 6.93 to 10.7 x 10<sup>5</sup> M<sup>-1</sup> in various buffers at pH 6.8 and 20°C. EGTA (5 mM) inhibits apoptosis induced by the sarcoplasmic/endoplasmic Ca<sup>2+</sup>-ATPase (SERCA) inhibitor thapsigargin (Item No. 10522) in isolated rat thymocytes.<sup>2</sup> It has been used as an irrigation agent to remove the smear layer from the pulp canal wall on extracted human teeth.3 Intranasal administration of EGTA enhances adenovirus-mediated gene transfer of LacZ to the trachea and main bronchi in mice by 8-fold.<sup>4</sup>

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

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