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ProductInformation

Murexide

Product Number **M 2628**
Store at Room Temperature

Product Description
Molecular Formula: $C_8H_8N_6O_6$
Molecular Weight: 284.2
CAS Number: 3051-09-0
λ_{max} :525 nm
Extinction coefficient: E^{mM} = 12.1
Synonyms: ammonium purpurate,
5,5'-nitrilodibarbituric acid ammonium salt

Murexide is a member of the barbiturate class of compounds. First reported in the 18th century, it can be formed through the successive treatment of uric acid with nitric acid and then ammonia.[1,2] Murexide is used as a dye in tissue staining procedures, an indicator in complexometric titrations[3], and a metallochromic chelator of such free metal ions as calcium[4], zinc,[5] and nickel.[6]

Calcium binding to bile salts[4] and to lithocholic acid derivatives[7] using murexide has been investigated. The binding of murexides to calcium-sequestering cellular organelles has been studied.[8] An automated protocol for the staining of bone and cartilage using murexide has been published.[9]

Precautions and Disclaimer
For Laboratory Use Only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

Preparation Instructions
This product is soluble in 1 M NAOH
(5 mg/ml), yielding a dark, purple solution.

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