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DATASHEET

MTT

Product overview

Name MTT
Cat No HB5283
Biological description Overview

MTT is a tetrazolium dye which is commonly used in cell proliferation or cell growth assays. In living cells, MTT is converted by NAD(P)H-dependent cellular oxidoreductase enzymes to its insoluble formazan which is purple/dark blue.

Uses and Applications

The color intensity can be measured colorimetrically (at 540 or 570 nm) which allows quantitation of cell viability and cell proliferation.

Alternative names Thiazolyl blue tetrazolium bromide
Biological action Dyes & stains
Purity >97%
Description Dye commonly used for cell proliferation measurement

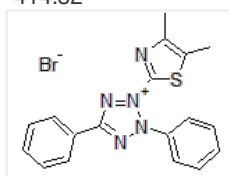
Solubility & Handling

Storage instructions +4 °C
Solubility overview Soluble in water (5 mg/ml)
Important This product is for RESEARCH USE ONLY and is not intended for therapeutic or diagnostic use. Not for human or veterinary use

Chemical Data

Chemical name 3-(4,5-dimethyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyl-2H-tetrazol-3-ium bromide
Molecular Weight 414.32

Chemical structure



Molecular Formula C₁₈H₁₆N₅SBr
CAS Number 298-93-1
PubChem identifier 64965
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MDL number MFCD00011964

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