

DATASHEET

MTT

Product overview

Name	MTT
Cat No	HB5283
Description	Dye commonly used for cell proliferation measurement
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

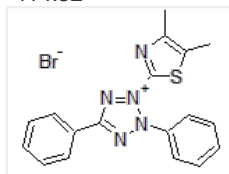
Solubility & Handling

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	C ₁₈ H ₁₆ N ₅ SBr
CAS Number	298-93-1
PubChem identifier	64965
SMILES	CC1=C(C)SC([N+]2=NC(C4=CC=CC=C4)=NN2C3=CC=CC=C3)=N1.[Br-]
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MDL number	MFCD00011964

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