Product Information

Azaserine

Item No. 14834

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| O-(2-diazoacetyl)-L-serine |
| CI-337, CN 15757, O-Diazoacetyl-L- |
| serine, NSC 742 |
| $C_5H_7N_3O_4$ |
| 173.1 |
| ≥98% |
| ≥2 years at -20°C |
| A crystalline solid |
| λ _{max} : 248 nm |
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Laboratory Procedures

For long term storage, we suggest that azaserine be stored as supplied at -20°C. It should be stable for at least two years. Azaserine is supplied as a crystalline solid. Azaserine is sparingly soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide. For biological experiments, we suggest that organic solvent-free aqueous solutions of azaserine be prepared by directly dissolving the crystalline compound in aqueous buffers. The solubility of azaserine in PBS, pH 7.2, is approximately 3 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

Azaserine is a tumor-inhibiting antibiotic isolated from a species of Streptomyces that functions as a glutamine analog.¹⁻² At 25 µM, it inhibits the glutamine-dependent amidotransferases involved in nucleotide biosynthesis, phosphoribosylformylglycinamidine synthetase and glucosamine-6-phosphate isomerase.²⁻³ Azaserine also inhibits the hexosamine biosynthetic pathway, which shunts excessive intracellular glucose into the biosynthesis of UDP-N-acetylglucosamine and the formation of O-linked glycoproteins.⁴ Azaserine has been shown to protect against hyperglycemic endothelial damage through its antioxidant effects.⁴

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WARNING: This product is for laboratory research only: not for administration to humans. Not for human or veterinary DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

SAFETY DATA

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