

# IPTG

(isopropyl-beta-D-thiogalactopyranoside)

**Formula:** C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S **Molecular Weight:** 238.3



Store: Store at -20°C Code No.:ZB079 Package:500g Price:EUR(€1500.00

#### Description

IPTG (isopropyl-beta-D-thiogalactopyranoside) is a highly stable synthetic analog of lactose. It inactivates the *lac* repressor and induces synthesis of beta-galactosidase, an enzyme that promotes lactose utilization. The IPTG is used to induce the expression of cloned genes which are under control of the *lac* operon. It is used in conjunction with X-Gal to determine the *lac* phenotype in blue/white colony screening.

#### Applications

- Blue/white colony screening, see Protocol for the Blue/White Colony Screening.
- Induces the expression of cloned genes that are under control of the *lac* promoter.

#### **Quality Control**

Dioxane-free. Greater than 99% purity confirmed by HPLC. Functionally tested in blue/white colony screening.

#### Note

- Preparation of a 23.83 mg/ml (100 mM) stock solution of IPTG in water is recommended.
- For blue/white screening, 0.1 mM final IPTG concentration in LB (Luria Broth) media is

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recommended.

#### Protocol for the Blue/White Colony Screening

For individual LB (Luria Broth) agar plates:

- 1. Pour sterile warm LB agar (about 25 ml) into a Petri dish.
- 2. Dry opened LB plates at room temperature under UV light for about 30 min.
- 3. Add 40  $\mu l$  of the X-Gal Solution (20 mg/ml), ready-to-use.
- 4. Add 40  $\mu l$  of 100 mM IPTG Solution, ready-to-use.
- 5. Spread evenly on the plate with a sterile spatula.

For batch use, add the following directly per 1 ml of the liquid LB agar (kept at about  $50^{\circ}$ C):

- $1.1\,\mu l$  of X-Gal Solution (20 mg/ml), ready-to-use.
- 2.1 µl of 100 mM IPTG Solution, ready-to-use.

3. Mix well.

4. Pour 25 ml of prepared LB agar into each Petri dish.

5. Dry opened LB plates at room temperature under UV light for about 30 min.



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