

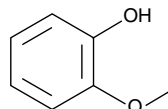
Product Information



Guaiacol

Item No. 70430

CAS Registry No.: 90-05-1
Formal Name: 2-methoxy phenol
MF: C₇H₈O₂
FW: 124.1
Purity: ≥98%
Stability: ≥1 year at Room Temperature
Supplied as: A colorless liquid
UV/Vis.: λ_{max}: 220, 277 nm



Laboratory Procedures

For long term storage, we suggest that guaiacol be stored as supplied at room temperature. It should be stable for at least one year.

Guaiacol is supplied as a colorless liquid. A stock solution may be made by diluting the guaiacol in an organic solvent purged with an inert gas. Guaiacol is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide. The solubility of guaiacol in these solvents is approximately 30 mg/ml.

Further dilutions of the stock solution into aqueous buffers or isotonic saline should be made prior to performing biological experiments. Ensure that the residual amount of organic solvent is insignificant, since organic solvents may have physiological effects at low concentrations. Organic solvent-free aqueous solutions of guaiacol can be prepared by directly diluting the colorless liquid in aqueous buffers. The solubility of guaiacol in PBS (pH 7.2) is approximately 10 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

Guaiacol is a phenolic natural product first isolated from Guaiac resin and the oxidation of lignin. Guaiacol is readily oxidized by the heme iron of peroxidases including the peroxidase of cyclooxygenase (COX) enzymes. It can therefore serve as a reducing co-substrate for COX reactions.¹ The color yield per peroxide at 470 nm is 6,650 (M peroxide reduced)⁻¹ cm⁻¹.²⁻⁴ Two moles of guaiacol are oxidized for each mole of hydroperoxide reduced by the peroxidase. The resulting guaiacol chromophore can be used for the colorimetric determination of hydroperoxidase activity.

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