# Product Information



# Peroxynitrite

Item No. 81565 • Batch No. XXXXXX

CAS Registry No.: 14042-01-4

Formal Name: Peroxynitrous acid, sodium salt

Synonym: Sodium peroxynitrite

MF: ONO, • Na FW: 85.0

**Purity:** ≥90% (balance is nitrate/nitrite)

Stability: ≥6 months at -80°C

Supplied as: A solution in 0.3 M sodium hydroxide

 $\lambda_{max}$ : 302 nm  $\epsilon$ : 1,670 UV/Vis.: Concentration: batch specific mM

# **Laboratory Procedures**

For long term storage, we suggest that peroxynitrite be stored as supplied at -80°C. It will be stable for at least three

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Peroxynitrite is supplied as a solution in 0.3 M NaOH. Peroxynitrite is highly unstable and slowly decomposes even at -80°C but not to any significant extent within one month. The half-life of peroxynitrite in alkaline solutions at room temperature is about 5 hours. Peroxynitrite decomposes instantaneously under acidic conditions and the half-life at pH 7.4 is only few seconds. Further dilutions of the stock solution can be performed using cold 0.3 M NaOH. We recommend that the actual concentration of peroxynitrite be measured following the procedure given below before using it in any experiments:

Thaw the peroxynitrite solution carefully and keep it on ice. Dilute an aliquot of the stock solution 40-fold with cold 0.3 M NaOH (e.g., add 25 µl of the stock to 975 µl of 0.3 M NaOH) and measure the absorbance at 302 nm with 0.3 M NaOH as blank. Concentration of the stock solution can be calculated using the extinction coefficient for peroxynitrite (1670 M<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-1</sup>).

Peroxynitrite anion is generated by the reaction of nitric oxide with superoxide anion in a variety of biological organelles and cells.<sup>2</sup> It is a powerful oxidizing agent that can initiate lipid peroxidation, oxidize the sulfhydryls, and nitrate the aromatic residues of proteins. 1,3,4 Cultured rats cerebrocortical neurons suffer 50% mortality when treated with 100 μM peroxynitrite for 30 minutes.<sup>5</sup>

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