NICE Nisin Kit (Nisin, 5% acetic acid)

Product Information Sheet

VS-ELK01000-02



SUMMARY

shipped at room temperature; store at 2 - 8 °C

Nisin concentration: 2.5% Nisin from *Lactococcus lactis*, (balance sodium chloride and denatured milk solids)

1 ml 5% acetic acid

For research use only



Introduction

Antibiotic with bactericidal action on *E. coli*. Binds to the lipid A portion of bacterial lipopolysaccharides. Induces pore formation in the membranes of cortex cells from excised sorghum roots.

Mode of Action: Binds to and interferes with the permeability of the cytoplasmic membrane. **Antimicrobial spectrum:** Gram-negative bacteria.

Furthermore, nisin is used as inductor for several common *Lactococcus lactis* gene expressions systems as there is e.g. the MoBiTec NICE[®] system. For further details please see the according manual.

Protocol

Supplied material: Nisin from Lactococcus lactis: 1 g

Potency: ≥ 1,000,000 per IU/g

Concentration: 2.5% (balance sodium chloride and denatured milk solids)

storage temp.: 2 - 8 °C Acetic acid, 5 %: 1 ml

Preparation of nisin stock solution

Nisin stock solution: 1 mg/ml pure nisin in 0.05% acetic acid.

By using VS-ELK01000-02, prepare a 40 mg/ml solution in 0.05% acetic acid (supplied 5% acetic acid diluted with dist. water) for obtaining a final concentration of 1 mg/ml pure nisin. Let dissolve it for 5 - 10 min. at RT and spin to pellet insoluble material. The nisin itself is dissolved completely in the clear supernatant.

Store aliquoted vials of the 1 mg/ml nisin solution at -20 °C. Frozen aliquots are stable for at least 1 year.

Note: Prepare nisin dilution from aliquoted and frozen 1 mg/ml nisin stock solution in sterile water just before use and dispose this dilution after use. A diluted nisin solution is not stable.

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Nisin induction of gene expression in Lactococcus lactis

The growth and induction conditions are optimized for *Lactococcus lactis*. When other species are used, the growth temperature and amount of nisin required for induction can be different.

General growth protocol

- 1. Grow 5 ml culture overnight, 30 °C
- 2. Dilute 1/25 in 2 x 10 ml fresh medium (30 °C)
- 3. Grow until the $OD_{600} \approx 0.4$

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- 4. Induce one 10 ml culture with 1 ng/ml nisin and keep the other 10 ml culture as negative control.
- 5. Incubate 2 3 hours, measure the OD₆₀₀ to monitor growth of the induced and non-induced cultures. Collect cells by centrifugation; re-suspend the pellet in a suitable buffer or sterile water.
- 6. Make a cell free extract and test for protein production by SDS-PAGE, enzyme assay etc.

Order Information, Shipping and Storage

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