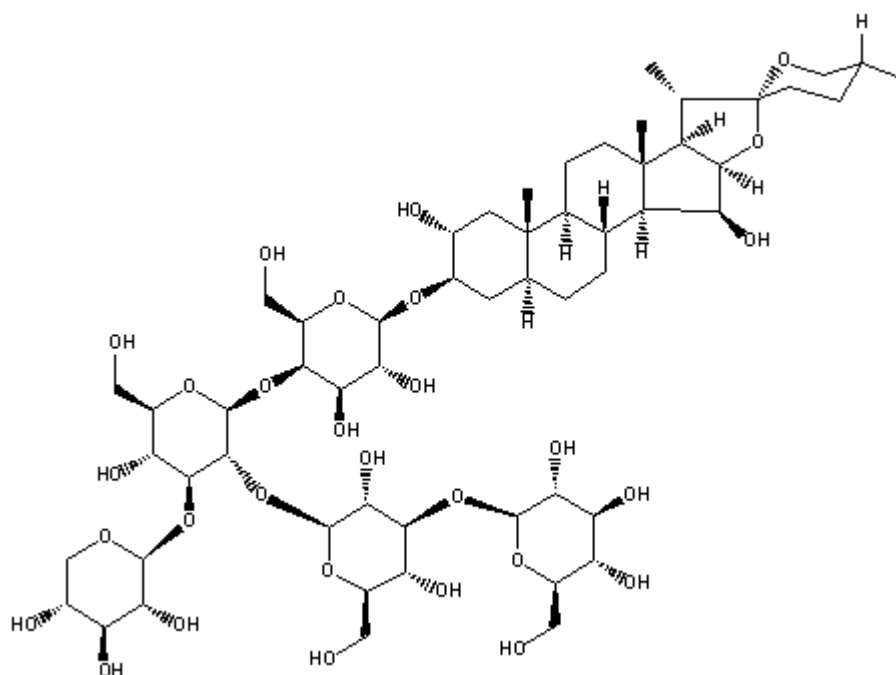


Catalog Number: 101562, 159480

Digitonin

Structure:



Molecular Formula: $C_{56}H_{92}O_{29}$

Formula Weight: 1229.33

CAS # : 11024-24-1

Synonym: Digitin

Physical Description: White crystalline powder

Aggregation Number: 60

Source: The seeds of *Digitalis purpurea* L., *Scrophulariaceae*

Description: A non-ionic detergent. It permeabilizes plasma membranes of eukaryotic cells by complexing with membrane cholesterol and other unconjugated β -hydroxysterols.

Solubility:

Digitonin, #101562

1 gram dissolves in 57 ml of absolute alcohol

1 gram dissolves in 220 ml of 95% alcohol

Insoluble in water: forms a soapy suspension

Digitonin, water soluble, #159480

1 gram dissolves in 57 ml of absolute alcohol

1 gram dissolves in 95% alcohol

20 mg in 10 ml water yields a white, cloudy and soapy solution (see below).

Solubilizing in water: Soluble in boiling water (1g/10 ml). Heat for 15 minutes @ 98 ° C. Cool and place @ 4 ° C for 3 hrs and filter off any precipitate.

Typical Uses:

- Cholesterol Determination^{1, 16}
- Use of digitonin-permeabilized adipocytes for cAMP studies.¹⁰
- Solubilization of membrane proteins.^{4, 11}
- The water soluble form can be used for the isolation of mitotic chromosomes.³

Availability:

Catalog Number	Description	Size
101562	Digitonin	250 mg 500 mg 1 g
159480	Digitonin, water soluble	200 mg 500 mg 1 g

References:

1. *Merck Index*, **12th Ed.**, No 3204.
2. Demoliou-Mason, C.D. and Barnhard, E.A., *FEBS Lett.*, **v. 170**, 378 (1984).
3. Gasser, S.M. and Laemmli, U.K., *Exp. Cell. Res.*, **v. 173**, 85 (1987).
4. Hjelmeland, L.M. and Chrambach, A., *Methods Enzymol.*, **v. 104**, 305 (1984).
5. Horne, W.A., et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, **v. 261**, 3588 (1985).
6. Karl, J., et al., "GFAP phosphorylation studied in digitonin-permeabilized astrocytes: standardization of conditions." *Brain Res.*, **v. 853**, 32-40 (2000).
7. Kun, E., et al., *Meth. Enzymol.*, **v. 55**, 115 (1974).
8. Leffler, H.H., *Am. J. Clin. Pathol.*, **v. 31**, 310 (1959).
9. Liu, J., et al., "Use of digitonin-permeabilized cells in studies of steroid receptor subnuclear trafficking." *Methods*, **v. 19**, 403-409 (1999).
10. Mooney, R.A., et al., *Meths. Enzymol.*, **v. 159**, 193 (1988).
11. Neubig, R., et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, **v. 76**, 690 (1979).
12. Niznik, H.B., et al., *Biochem. Pharmacol.*, **v. 35**, 2974 (1986).
13. Nock, B., "Extracti-Gel D chromatography is a simple, efficient method for removing digitonin during receptor purification: application to the kappa₁ opioid receptor." *J. Neurosci. Meth.*, **v. 50**, 353-358 (1993).
14. Prehm, S., et al., "A mild purification method for polysaccharide binding membrane proteins: phase separation of digitonin extracts to isolate the hyaluronate synthase from *Streptococcus* sp. in active form." *Protein Expr. Purif.*, **v. 7**, 343-346 (1996).
15. Ruhenstroth-Bauer, G., Breitenfeld, P.M., *Z. Physiol. Chem.*, **v. 302**, 111 (1955).
16. Scallen, T.J. and Dietart, S.E., *J. Cell Biol.*, **v. 40**, 802 (1969).
17. Tschesche, Wulff, *Tetrahedron*, **v. 19**, 621 (1963).
18. Womack, M.D., et al., *Biochim. Biophys. Acta*, **v. 733**, 210 (1983).
19. Matson, R.S. and Goheen, S.C., *LC-GC*, **v. 4(7)**, 624 (1986).