

Product Information

Pristane

(2,6,10,14-Tetramethylpentadecane)

Product Number **P 2870**

Storage at Room Temperature

Product Description

Molecular Formula: C₁₉H₄₀

Molecular Weight: 268.5

CAS Number: 1921-70-6

Density: 0.782 g/ml

Congealing Point: -100 °C¹

Source: Synthetic

Pristane is an isoprenoid alkane that was initially isolated from the liver of the basking shark. Pristane is used to precondition the peritoneal cavity of mice, prior to the induction of ascites fluid with myeloma cells. Several different protocols for antibody production have been described in the literature.^{2,3,4}

Pristane is used to induce plasmacytomas in mice as models of human multiple myeloma.⁵ It induces a disease similar to lupus erythematosus in mice, making it useful for autoimmune studies.⁶ Pristane also induces arthritis in rats as a rodent model for the study of rheumatoid arthritis.⁷

Precautions and Disclaimer

For Laboratory Use Only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

Preparation Instructions

This product is miscible with hexane (10%[v/v]).

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