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# **Product Information**

#### Adenine

Catalog Number **A8626**Store at Room Temperature

CAS RN 73-24-5 Synonyms: adeninimine, 6-aminopurine, 6-amino-1H-purine, vitamin B4, 1,6-dihydro-6-iminopurine

### **Product Description**

Molecular formula:  $C_5H_5N_5$ Molecular weight: 135.13  $E^{mM}$  (263 nm):<sup>1,2</sup> 13.2 (1.0 M HCl)

Adenine is found in every plant and animal tissue; it is one of the four bases in DNA, and is a constituent of numerous coenzymes. Numerous references to its use occur in biochemical literature.

This product is synthetic; our supplier considers production details proprietary. A method of synthesis of C<sup>14</sup>-labeled adenine and 8-azaadenine was developed due to interest as a possible anticancer agent.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Precautions and Disclaimer**

This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

# **Preparation Instructions**

Adenine is soluble in 1 M HCl at 20 mg/mL, obtaining a clear colorless solution.

Note: The hydrochloride salt is directly water-soluble.

Adenine is soluble at 1 part in  $\sim$ 2,000 parts of cold water, 1 part in 40 of boiling water; slightly soluble in hot alcohol; insoluble in chloroform, ether; soluble in hot NH<sub>4</sub>OH.<sup>2,4,5</sup>

Solutions may be stored at 2–8 °C for months if sterile-filtered.

# Storage/Stability

Store the product at room temperature.

## References

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