# **Product Information**



## Sodium Butyrate

Item No. 13121

**CAS Registry No.:** 156-54-7

Formal Name: butanoic acid, sodium salt Synonym: Butyric Acid (sodium salt)

MF:  $C_4H_7O_2 \cdot Na$ FW: 110.1 **Purity:** 

Stability: ≥2 years at room temperature

Supplied as: A crystalline solid

### **Laboratory Procedures**

For long term storage, we suggest that sodium butyrate be stored as supplied at room temperatue. It should be stable for at least two years.

Sodium butyrate is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the sodium butyrate in an organic solvent purged with an inert gas. Sodium butyrate is soluble in the organic solvent ethanol. The solubility of sodium butyrate in ethanol is approximately 5 mg/ml.

Further dilutions of the stock solution into aqueous buffers or isotonic saline should be made prior to performing biological experiments. Ensure that the residual amount of organic solvent is insignificant, since organic solvents may have physiological effects at low concentrations. Organic solvent-free aqueous solutions of sodium butyrate can be prepared by directly dissolving the crystalline compound in aqueous buffers. The solubility of sodium butyrate in PBS, pH 7.2, is approximately 10 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

Sodium butyrate is a short chain fatty acid that has effects at the molecular, cellular, and tissue level. It has long been known as an inhibitor of histone deacetylases (HDACs).<sup>1,2</sup> In cells, this alters the expression of a select group of genes containing butyrate response elements and may also involve Sp1/Sp3 binding sites.<sup>3</sup> Sodium butyrate also induces growth arrest, differentiation and apoptosis in cancer cells, primarily through its effects on HDAC activity.<sup>4</sup> In addition, it suppresses inflammation, in part by reducing the expression of pro-inflammatory cytokines, including interferon-γ, interleukin (IL)-6, and IL-1β.5

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