

Product Name: α-MSH
CAS Number: 581-05-5

Catalog No.: 2584 **Batch No.:** 3

1. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Batch Molecular Formula: C₇₇H₁₀₉N₂₁O₁₉S
Batch Molecular Weight: 1664.9
Physical Appearance: White lyophilised solid
Net Peptide Content: 74.9%
Counter Ion: TFA
Solubility: Soluble to 0.60 mg/ml in water
Storage: Desiccate at -20°C
Peptide Sequence: Ac-Ser-Tyr-Ser-Met-Glu-His-Phe-Arg-Trp-Gly-Lys-Pro-Val-NH₂

2. ANALYTICAL DATA

HPLC: Shows 97.6% purity
Mass Spectrum: Consistent with structure

3. AMINO ACID ANALYSIS DATA

Amino Acid		Theoretical	Actual	Amino Acid		Theoretical	Actual
Ala				Lys	1.00	1.11	
Arg	1.00	1.04	Met	1.00	0.85		
Asx			Phe	1.00	1.04		
Cys			Pro	1.00	1.16		
Glx	1.00	1.10	Ser	2.00	1.83		
Gly	1.00	1.00	Thr				
His	1.00	1.01	Trp				
Ile			Tyr	1.00	1.01		
Leu			Val	1.00	1.03		

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Description:

Endogenous melanocortin receptor agonist (K_i values are 0.12, 31, 660 and 5700 nM for MC₁, MC₃, MC₄ and MC₅ receptors respectively). Anti-inflammatory peptide; antagonizes proinflammatory mediators, including TNF- α , IL-6 and NO and induces anti-inflammatory cytokine IL-10. Inhibits food intake and induces penile erections following i.c.v. administration.

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Solubility & Usage Info:

Soluble to 0.60 mg/ml in water
This product is supplied as a lyophilized solid and may be very hard to visualize. Solutions should be made by adding solvent directly to the vial. The vial should then be vortexed vigorously to ensure the product has completely dissolved.

Net Peptide Content: 74.9% (Remaining weight made up of counterions and residual water).

Counter Ion: TFA

Stability and Solubility Advice:

Some solutions can be difficult to obtain and can be encouraged by rapid stirring, sonication or gentle warming (in a 45-60°C water bath).

Peptides in solution are much less stable than in lyophilized form. This is especially true for peptides whose sequences contain amino acids such as Cys, Met, Trp, Asn, Gln, and N-terminal Glu.

Therefore we recommend storing peptides in solution for as short a time as possible. Avoid repeated freeze thaw cycles by dividing the peptide solution into aliquots and storing the aliquots at -20°C. Any portion of an aliquot unused after thawing should be discarded.

Peptides stored in solution can occasionally be susceptible to bacterial degradation. We recommend using sterile solutions or passing the peptide solution through a 0.2 μ m filter to remove potential bacterial contamination whenever possible.

References:

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