

***Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, Strain H37Rv, Purified Mycolic Acid Methyl Esters**

Catalog No. NR-14854

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Product Description:

NR-14854 contains a preparation of mycolic acid methyl esters (MAME) that were purified from the mycolyl-arabinogalactan peptidoglycan (mAGP) complex of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (*M. tuberculosis*). mAGP was subjected to alkaline hydrolysis and the mycolic acids were collected and neutralized. Chloroform and water are added to the mycolic acid suspension to form a biphasic partition, and the organic fraction containing mycolic acid is collected and dried.

The purified MAME of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* consists of three fractions representing the α -, methoxy-, and keto-mycolic acid esters, which vary in polarity.² The purity of NR-14854 is verified by TLC.

Material Provided:

Each tube contains approximately 1 mg of dried MAME from *M. tuberculosis*, strain H37Rv.

Note: MAME is soluble in DMSO or chloroform.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-14854 was packaged aseptically in glass vials. The product is provided at room temperature and should be stored at room temperature in a dry atmosphere, immediately upon arrival.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 1

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Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health. Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories. 5th ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2009; see www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm.

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