



## Product Information

### Potassium sulfate Plant Cell Culture Tested

Product Number **P 8541**  
Store at Room Temperature

#### Product Description

Molecular Formula:  $K_2SO_4$   
Molecular Weight: 174.3  
CAS Number: 7778-80-5  
Melting Point: 1,067 °C<sup>1</sup>

This product is plant cell culture tested (1 mg/ml) and is suitable for plant cell culture applications.

Potassium sulfate is a reagent that is used in various industrial and research applications. Industrial uses include fertilizer production, the manufacture of potassium alum, potassium carbonate, and glass.<sup>1</sup> Analytical applications include the Kjeldahl method for the determination of nitrogen and protein in foodstuffs.<sup>2</sup>

The effect of potassium sulfate on the folding and unfolding of tropomyosin has been investigated.<sup>3</sup> Potassium sulfate has been used in studies on electrostatic effects on  $pK_a$  values of amino acid residues in staphylococcal nuclease.<sup>4</sup> The use of potassium sulfate for improved protein separation by capillary zone electrophoresis in buffers containing high concentrations of zwitterionic salts has been described.<sup>5</sup> A protocol that incorporates potassium sulfate for the adsorption of immune complexes on agarose derivative adsorbents has been published.<sup>6</sup>

#### Precautions and Disclaimer

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

#### Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in water (66 mg/ml), yielding a clear, colorless solution.

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