

## Important Information on your Peptides

Unless ordered otherwise, all peptides are delivered as lyophilised, trifluoroacetic salts. Upon receipt, please prepare single-use aliquots (if necessary) and store the products immediately at -20°C or lower. Thus, they may remain stable for several years. When working with peptides, be sure to always wear gloves in order to avoid contamination (enzymatic, bacterial, etc.)

Allow the peptide to warm to room temperature (preferably in a desiccator) before dissolving it. Always use sterile water or buffer (PBS, Tris or phosphate, pH 7) for preparation of solutions. For peptides containing cysteine, methionine or tryptophan, that are rapidly susceptible to oxidation, you should use oxygen-free solvents.

As the amino acid composition determines the properties of every individual peptide, we recommend to test solubility with a small amount of product.

If the product proves insoluble in water/ buffer due to high hydrophobicity, addition of DMSO (dimethylsulfoxide) may be necessary:

In such cases dissolve the peptide in the smallest possible volume of a 50% (v/v) DMSO/water mixture and subsequently add water/buffer until the desired concentration is achieved. If product precipitates again during this process and cannot be re-dissolved by adding DMSO, lyophilisation is required and another attempt of solubilisation is needed.

If DMSO interferes with your experimental system, DMF (dimethylformamide) or acetonitrile can serve as alternative solvents.

Solubility can also be facilitated by careful warming (<40°C) or sonification. If you need to increase the pH of the solution, use only very weak bases in order to prevent immediate inactivation by racemisation.

Peptide solutions should be used up immediately, because they are unstable (the lower the concentration, the more unstable). As many peptides prove to be light-sensitive, too, they should be kept from direct light. Repeated thawing and freezing must be avoided. Any remaining solutions should be re-lyophilised for longer storage.

For further questions or information please do not hesitate to contact us via  
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Attention: The chemical, physical, and toxicological properties of peptides have not been fully investigated. Peptides should be handled only by or under the direct supervision of a technically qualified individual.