
MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

Product name: HARRIS HEMATOXYLIN

Catalog number: 842, 881B

General use: Nuclear stain for histology and cytology.

Product description: Aqueous solution of hematoxylin.

Manufacturer

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Emergency contact information

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Transportation:	CHEMTREC	800-424-9300	24 hours

2. COMPOSITION AND INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

(Note: Percentage composition is withheld as a trade secret.)

<u>Component</u>	<u>CAS #</u>	<u>Exposure limits</u>
Acetic acid	64-19-7	10 ppm (OSHA, NIOSH, ACGIH 8 hour TWA) 15 ppm (NIOSH, ACGIH 15 minute STEL)
Aluminum ammonium sulfate	17734-24-9	Not established for solutions.
Ethanol	64-17-5	1000 ppm (OSHA, ACGIH 8 hr TWA)
Hematoxylin	517-28-2	Not established.
Sodium iodate	7681-55-2	Not established.

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Emergency overview

Dark purple-red liquid.

Irritant to eyes. Not likely to pose a hazard under normal conditions of use.

Potential health effects

(Human health effects only; animal effects in Section 11: Toxicological Information.)

Primary route(s) of exposure: Eyes and skin.

Inhalation: Inhalation of vapors during normal conditions of use are not likely to present a health hazard.

3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION (continued)

Eye: Contact of liquid with eyes may cause irritation.

Skin: Brief contact with skin is nonirritating.

Ingestion: Ingestion is likely to produce adverse effects on the gastrointestinal system.

Chronic effects: None expected under anticipated conditions of use.

Signs and symptoms: Affected skin will be stained purple. Eyes may water. Effects on the gastrointestinal tract may include discomfort and nausea.

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Inhalation: Remove victim to fresh air if coughing or difficulty in breathing is experienced. Consult a physician if symptoms persist or worsen. Administer oxygen or artificial respiration as needed.

Eye: Flush eyes for at least 15 minutes in an eyewash station. If symptoms persist after washing, consult a physician.

Skin: Remove contaminated clothing, including footwear; wash before reuse or discard. For minor exposure, wash affected area with water and mild soap, rinsing thoroughly; apply a good quality skin lotion. In cases of prolonged, repeated or extensive exposure, rinse affected area or entire body for at least 15 minutes. For severe conditions, consult a physician.

Ingestion: Call a poison control center immediately. If victim is conscious, have him/her drink several glasses of water to dilute the solution. Induce vomiting only upon the advice of a physician or poison control authority.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammable properties

Flash point: > 145°F (> 62.8°C) closed cup.

Flammable limit: Not determined.

Autoignition temperature: Not determined.

Flammability classification: Class IIIA Combustible liquid (OSHA).

Flame propagation: None.

Hazardous products of combustion: Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.

Extinguishing media: ABC rated portable fire extinguishers should be used. Professional fire fighters may use water spray, dry chemical or carbon dioxide.

Fire fighting instructions: Sealed chemical suits and self contained breathing apparatus are necessary for fighting fires involving substantial volumes of this product.

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Wear protective gloves, impermeable aprons and splash-proof goggles. Use a damp sponge or mop to remove spilled liquid. Wash contaminated area with water and decolorize with household bleach. Discard absorbents and other contaminated solids in a trash receptacle. Liquid waste may be discarded down the drain with approval by wastewater authorities, or may be removed by a licensed waste hauler.

Comply with all applicable governmental regulations on spill reporting and on the handling and disposal of hazardous waste.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling: Wear a plastic or rubber apron, protective gloves and splash-proof goggles. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not continue to wear contaminated clothing after a spill.

Storage: Store at room temperature.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS AND PERSONAL PROTECTION

Engineering controls: Good general room ventilation is essential.

Personal protective equipment

Respiratory protection: None needed.

Skin protection: Anatech Ltd. recommends nitrile gloves. Do not use latex surgical gloves for protection against any hazardous liquid. An eyewash station and safety shower must be nearby, preferably in the same room, no more than 10 seconds away.

Eye protection: Use splash-proof goggles. Do not use safety glasses. An eyewash station and safety shower must be nearby, preferably in the same room, no more than 10 seconds away.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: Dark purple-red liquid.

Odor: Mild acetic acid odor.

Physical state: Liquid.

pH: 2.4 - 2.7.

Vapor pressure: Not determined.

Vapor density: Not determined.

Boiling point: Not determined.

Freezing point: Not determined.

Solubility in water: Complete.

Specific gravity: Not determined.

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical stability: Stable.

Conditions to avoid: None.

Incompatibility with other materials: Strong oxidants, acids and bases.

Hazardous decomposition products: None.

Hazardous polymerization: None.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

The following data are from studies using 100% ethanol.

Acute eye effects: 500 mg administered into rabbit eyes for 24 hours produced moderate irritation.

Acute skin effects: Draize test on rabbit skin of 20 mg for 24 hours produced moderate irritation.

Acute oral effects: OSHA considers chemicals to be toxic if their LD₅₀ is at or below 500 mg/kg. LD₅₀ is the dose killing 50% of the test animals in a given time (usually 4 hours). LD₅₀ was 7,060 mg/kg in rats, 3,450 mg/kg in mice and 6,300 mg/kg in rabbits.

Acute inhalation effects: OSHA considers chemicals to be toxic if their LC₅₀ is at or below 20 mg/kg. LC₅₀ is the airborne concentration killing 50% of the test animals. LC₅₀ was 20,000 ppm/10 hours in rats. In man, ethanol produces severe toxic effects at 8,000 ppm and symptoms of illness at 2,000 ppm.

Chronic effects/carcinogenicity: Chronic ethanol ingestion is associated with liver cancer.

Teratology: None known.

Reproductive effects: Ethanol has been linked to birth defects in humans.

Mutagenicity: None known.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity: The following data are from studies using 100% ethanol.

Toxicity threshold (cell multiplication inhibition test):

Bacteria

Pseudomonas putida: 6,500 mg/l

Algae

Microcystis aeruginosa: 1,450 mg/l

Scenedesmus quadricauda: 5,000 mg/l

Protozoa

Entosiphon sulcatum: 65 mg/l

Uronema parduczi: 6,120 mg/l

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION (continued)

Fish

Fingerling trout: 24 hr LC₅₀: 11,200 mg/l, flow through system

Cheek chub: LD₀: 24 hr in Detroit river water: 7,000 mg/l

LD₁₀₀: 24 hr in Detroit river water: 9,000 mg/l

LC₅₀ > 7,000 mg/l

Guppy: 7 day LC₅₀ = 11,050 mg/l

Fathead minnow: static bioassay in Lake Superior water at 18°C - 22°C (1, 24, 48, 72, 96 hours) >18,000, 18,000, 13,480, 13,480, 13,480 mg/l respectively.

Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD), 5 day: = 37-74% ThOD

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) = 90-97% ThOD

Environmental fate: Ethanol is readily biodegradable.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Harris Hematoxylin is not hazardous under EPA regulations. Drain disposal is recommended with the permission of local wastewater treatment authorities.

Canadian disposal regulations generally parallel those in the United States.

Follow federal, state (provincial) and local regulations. Proper waste disposal is the generator's responsibility.

14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

DOT (ground and air) and IATA: Not regulated.

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

OSHA (USA): Under the Hazard Communication Standard and the Laboratory Standard, this product is a hazardous material: it is an irritant.

The OSHA Standards cited above mandate that exposed workers receive proper training in the properties of this product, work practices involved with its handling and disposal, and interpretation of its MSDS.

FDA (USA): Harris Hematoxylin is for in vitro diagnostic use as a stain in histology.

EPA (USA): Harris Hematoxylin is a reportable substance under SARA Title III.

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Label warnings: Avoid contact with skin and eyes. use with adequate ventilation.

NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) Rating:

General note: This rating is applicable only to safeguard the lives of individuals who may be concerned with fires occurring in an industrial plant or storage location. The ratings provide information to emergency personnel on whether to evacuate the area or how to perform control procedures. It is not descriptive of hazards under normal conditions of occupational use, and is even less applicable to anticipated laboratory-scale use.

Health 0: Materials that, under emergency conditions, would offer no hazard beyond that of ordinary combustible materials.

Flammability 1: Materials that must be preheated before ignition can occur.

Instability 0: Materials that are normally stable even under fire conditions.