

Eshmuno® CPS resin

High capacity and salt tolerance
for recombinant protein purification

Eshmuno® CPS cation exchange chromatography (CEX) resin combines high dynamic binding capacity and separation efficiency in downstream purification processes of recombinant protein feed streams at elevated salt concentrations.

The demonstrated salt tolerance of Eshmuno® CPS resin enables direct loading of high conductivity feed streams (conductivity ≥ 10 mS/cm), reducing the need of dilution. Direct savings can be made on buffer, time and manufacturing footprint. Streamlined process steps, associated with efficient purification result in an overall improved productivity.

As a strong cation exchanger without hydrophobic groups, Eshmuno® CPS resin allows easy process development with straightforward binding and elution conditions and selection of process parameters.



Benefits

- Outstanding binding capacities at elevated conductivity levels (≥ 10 mS/cm)
- Strong cation exchanger chemistry without hydrophobic groups for easy process development
- Rigid base bead that enables higher flow rates and easier column packing
- Improved productivity through cost and time savings

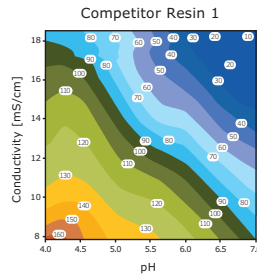
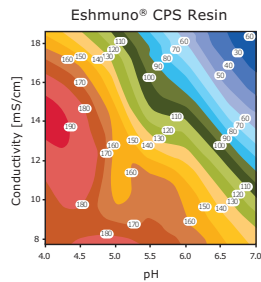
Binding capacity studies with Chymotrypsinogen A

Chymotrypsinogen A with its molecular weight of 25 kDa and pI of 9.1 serves as a suitable model for a relatively small non-mAb recombinant protein with basic pI. Therefore, it is used to demonstrate salt-tolerant binding characteristics of Eshmuno® CPS resin.

Static chymotrypsinogen A binding capacity

Experimental conditions

- **Protein concentration:** 10 mg/mL in binding buffer
- **Incubation time:** 15 min
- **Binding buffer:** 25 mM sodium acetate + 25 mM sodium phosphate + 50 - 150 mM sodium chloride, adjusted to respective pH and conductivity



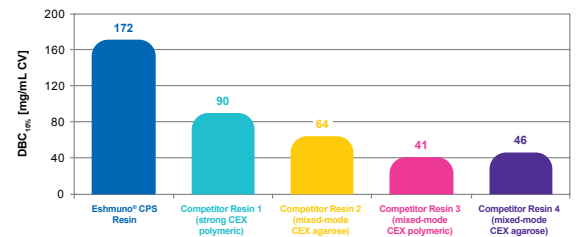
SBC Chymotrypsinogen A
[mg/mL sed. resin]

0	100	200
50	150	

Dynamic chymotrypsinogen A binding capacity

Experimental conditions

- **Feed:** 2.5 mg/mL chymotrypsinogen A in buffer A
- **Column size:** 8 mm i.d. x 20 mm
- **Column volume:** 1 mL
- **Residence time:** 4 min
- **Buffer A (equilibration):** 50 mM sodium acetate + sodium chloride, pH 5, adjusted to 12 mS/cm
- Determination of dynamic binding capacity at 10% breakthrough level ($DBC_{10\%}$)



Eshmuno® CPS resin provides significantly higher dynamic binding capacities for the model protein Chymotrypsinogen A at elevated conductivity levels compared to benchmark resins.

Application Data

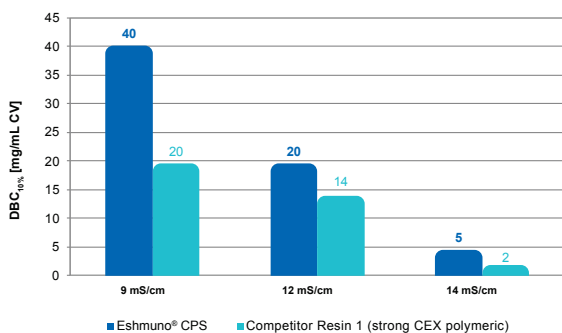
Application 1: Purification of a Fab fragment from E.coli

Purification (capture) runs of a recombinant Fab fragment from E.coli lysate were carried out in order to demonstrate separation efficiencies of Eshmuno® CPS resin for feeds with higher impurity content.

Dynamic binding capacity measurements

Experimental conditions

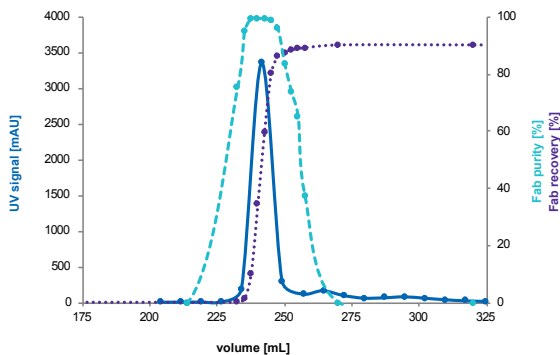
- **Feed:** cleared cell lysate from E. coli cells was adjusted to 9 - 14 mS/cm with 50 mM sodium acetate and spiked with Fab fragment; Fab titer 1 mg/mL, Fab purity 10%
- **Column size:** 8 mm i.d. x 20 mm
- **Column volume:** 1 mL
- **Residence time:** 2 min
- **Buffer A:** 50 mM sodium acetate, pH 4.5, adjusted with sodium chloride to 9 - 14 mS/cm
- Determination of DBC_{10%}



Purification run

Experimental conditions

- **Feed:** cleared cell lysate from E. coli cells was adjusted to 9 mS/cm with 50 mM sodium acetate and spiked with Fab fragment; Fab titer 1 mg/mL; Fab purity 10%
- **Protein load:** 80% of DBC_{10%} corresponding to 32 mg Fab per mL CV
- **Column size:** 8 mm i.d. x 100 mm
- **Column volume:** 5 mL
- **Residence time:** 2 min
- **Buffer A (equilibration):** 50 mM sodium acetate + 65 mM sodium chloride, pH 4.5, 9 mS/cm
- **Buffer B:** 50 mM sodium acetate + 1 M sodium chloride, pH 4.5
- **Wash:** 10 CV 50 mM sodium acetate, pH 4.5
- **Gradient elution:** 0 - 100% buffer B in 40 CV
- **Analytics:** purity, titer: UV absorption



Purification profile of Fab fragment purity and recovery

Eshmuno® CPS resin showed strong performance in Fab capture from E. coli lysate at much higher capacity than benchmark resins, achieving high purity of and yield of target protein.

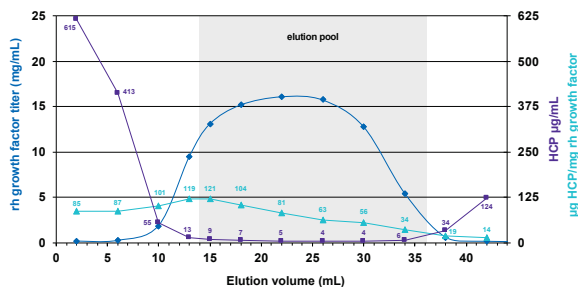
Application 2: Purification of a recombinant human growth factor

Eshmuno® CPS resin was applied for capture of a recombinant human (rh) growth factor (expressed in *E. coli* as inclusion bodies), with a molecular weight of 23 – 24 kDa and a pI of 10.

Dynamic binding capacity measurements

Experimental conditions

- **Feed:** rh growth factor in refolding buffer, titer 2 mg/mL, pH 8.0, 36 mS/cm
- **Column size:** 8 mm i.d. x 20 mm
- **Column volume:** 1 mL
- **Residence time:** 3 min
- **Buffer A:** A: 50 mM Tris/HCl + 120 mM sodium chloride, pH 8.0
- Determination of DBC_{10%}



Elution profile of rh growth factor and host cell proteins

Purification run

Experimental conditions

- **Feed:** rh growth factor after solubilization and refold present in a mixed buffer system, titer 1.7 mg/mL, pH 8.0, 36 mS/cm
- **Load:** limited to 54% of DBC_{10%} corresponding to 72 mg rh growth factor per mL CV
- **Column size:** 5 mm i.d. x 200 mm
- **Column volume:** 3.9 mL
- **Residence time:** 3 min
- **Buffer A:** 50 mM Tris/HCl + 120 mM sodium chloride, pH 8.0
- **Buffer B:** 50 mM Tris/HCl + 2 M sodium chloride, pH 8.0
- **Wash:** 10 CV buffer A
- **Gradient elution:** 15% – 100% buffer B in 21 CV, then 2 CV 100% buffer B
- **Analytcs:** purity, titer: RP-HPLC
HCP level: *E. coli* HCP ELISA

column load	feed	elution pool†	rh growth factor titer (mg/mL)	Purity by HPLC (%)	Yield by HPLC* (%)	HCP/ rh growth factor (ng/mg)	HCP reduction factor
(mg/mL CV)	HCP/ rh growth factor (ng/mL)	Pool volume (mL)					
72	61642	22.0	13.1	95	89	6002	10

* based on rh growth factor recovered from the column

† pool criteria: fractions with purity > 90%

Eshmuno® CPS resin provides high dynamic binding capacity of 120 mg/mL of a recombinant human growth factor even at increased flow rates and an elevated conductivity level of 36 mS/cm. The results of 95% purity and 89% yield of the target protein resin prove strong separation performances of the resin.

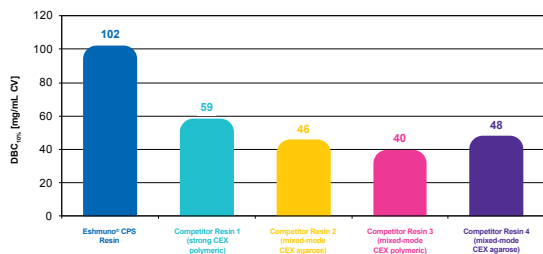
Application 3: Purification of a F(ab')₂ fragment from CHO cell culture supernatant

Eshmuno® CPS resin was applied for capture of a F(ab')₂ fragment (expressed in CHO cells), with a pI of approx. 7.5-8.6.

Dynamic binding capacity measurements

Experimental conditions

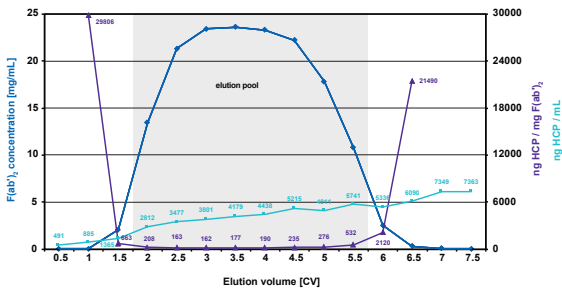
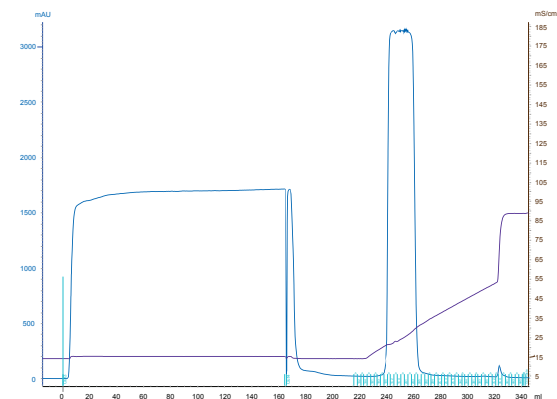
- **Feed:** F(ab')₂ fragment (pI ≈ 7.5 - 8.6) in CHO cell culture supernatant; F(ab')₂ titer 2.5 mg/mL, pH 4.5, 13 mS/cm
- **Column size:** 8 mm i.d. x 20 mm
- **Column volume:** 1 mL
- **Residence time:** 4 min
- **Buffer A:** 50 mM sodium acetate + 80 mM sodium chloride, pH 4.5, 12 mS/cm
- Determination of DBC_{10%}



Purification run

Experimental conditions

- **Feed:** F(ab')₂ fragment in CHO cell culture supernatant; F(ab')₂ titer 2.5 mg/mL, pH 4.5, 13 mS/cm
- **Load:** limited to 80% of DBC_{10%} corresponding to 82 mg F(ab')₂ per mL CV
- **Column size:** 8 mm i.d. x 100 mm
- **Column volume:** 5 mL
- **Residence time:** 4 min
- **Buffer A:** 50 mM sodium acetate + 80 mM sodium chloride, pH 4.5, 12-13 mS/cm
- **Buffer B:** 50 mM sodium acetate + 1 M sodium chloride, pH 4.5
- **Wash:** 5 CV buffer A
- **Gradient elution:** 0 - 50% buffer B in 20 CV
- **Analytics:** purity, titer: SE-HPLC
HCP level: CHO HCP ELISA



Elution profile of F(ab')₂ fragment and host cell proteins

Elution of load and elution of (Fab')₂ fragment with linear salt gradient

column load	feed	elution pool'					
80% DBC _{10%} (mg/mL CV)	HCP/F(ab') ₂ (ng/mg)	Pool volume (mL)	F(ab') ₂ titer (mg/mL)	Purity by SE-HPLC (%)	Yield by SE-HPLC (%)	HCP/F(ab') ₂ (ng/mg)	HCP reduction factor
82	27546	20.0	19.5	> 99	95	220	125

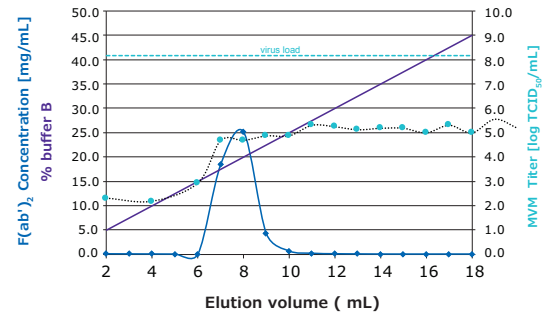
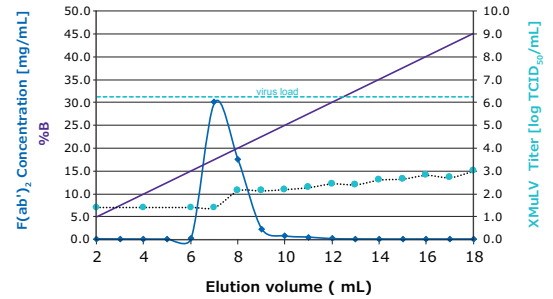
Eshmuno® CPS resin was shown to efficiently capture F(ab')₂ from CHO cell culture supernatant. High process loading (82 mg/mL) was used and efficient HCP clearance was achieved via salt gradient elution.

Virus Removal Study

In order to check how Eshmuno® CPS resin can contribute to virus removal in a downstream purification process, virus spiking studies of two different viruses (retrovirus XMuLV and parvovirus MVM) were performed using F(ab')₂ in CHO cell culture supernatant as feed stream.

Experimental conditions

- **Feed:** F(ab')₂ fragment in CHO cell culture supernatant spiked with virus, F(ab')₂ titer 2.5 mg/mL, pH 5.0, 10 mS/cm
- **Load:** 50 mg F(ab')₂ per mL CV
- **Column size:** 8 mm i.d. x 100 mm
- **Column volume:** 5 mL
- **Residence time:** 2 min
- **Buffer A:** 50 mM sodium acetate + 75 mM NaCl, pH 5.0, 10 mS/cm
- **Buffer B:** 50 mM sodium acetate + 1 M NaCl, pH 5.0
- **Wash:** 5 CV buffer A
- **Gradient elution:** 0 - 50% buffer B in 20 CV
- **Analytics:** purity, F(ab')₂ titer: SE-HPLC
Virus titer: TCID₅₀ infectivity assay



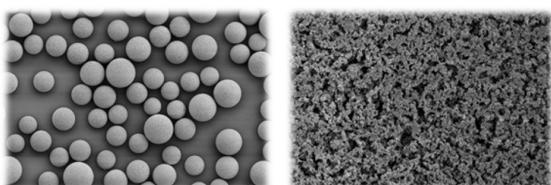
Elution profile of F(ab')₂ fragment and XMuLV and MVM

Type of Virus	Virus Load [TCID ₅₀]	Virus in Elution Pool [TCID ₅₀]	LRV in F(ab') ₂ elution pool
xMuLV (retrovirus)	Run 1: 3.3 x 10 ⁸	Run 1: 1.5 x 10 ³	5.4 ± 0.0
	Run 2: 3.3 x 10 ⁸	Run 2: 1.5 x 10 ³	
MVM (parvovirus)	Run 1: 1.4 x 10 ⁸	Run 1: 5.5 x 10 ⁵	2.3 ± 0.1
	Run 2: 1.5 x 10 ⁸	Run 2: 9.7 x 10 ⁵	

It was demonstrated that Eshmuno® CPS resin has great potential in contributing significantly to parvovirus and retrovirus removal in a downstream purification process scheme.

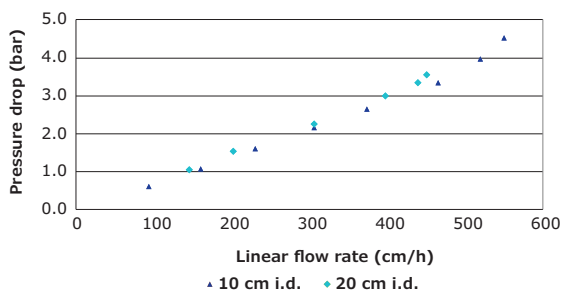
Proven technology

Eshmuno® CPS resin is a member of our high performance Eshmuno® platform, which is a family of chromatography resins designed to meet the demands of highly productive downstream processes. Eshmuno® base beads are composed of a hydrophilic polyvinyl ether polymer that enables high flow rates and therefore shorter processing times. Eshmuno® ion exchange resins also make use of our well-established tentacle ligand technology that provides a flexible multipoint interaction between the protein and resin resulting in higher binding capacities and superior selectivity.



SEM pictures of Eshmuno® CPS resin

Eshmuno® CPS resin can be easily packed into production-scale columns, either by simple flow packing or axial compression. The pressure-flow curves for 10cm and 20cm i.d. columns at 20cm bed height are shown below demonstrating linear scalability.



Flow packed in 0.15 M NaCl, 20 cm bed height, 14% compression, running buffer: 0.15 M NaCl

Process Development

Eshmuno® CPS resin is available in pre-packed, ready-to-use, disposable columns. MiniChrom columns can be used for lab-scale process development with any standard chromatography system, whereas RoboColumns® can be utilized for high-throughput process development in conjunction with a chromatography robot. These small scale columns are the ideal tool for performing initial resin screening, scaling and optimization studies.

Eshmuno® CPS Chromatography Resin	
Type of chromatography	Strong cation exchanger
Functional group	Sulfoisobutyl
Base material	Surface grafted rigid hydrophilic polyvinylether polymer
Mean particle size (d50)	50 µm
pK value	<1
pH stability	pH 2 to 14
Mechanical stability	8 bar
Linear flow rate	up to 300 cm/h (< 3.0 bar net pressure) 20 x 10 cm i.d. column, 12% - 14% compression equivalent to 1.14 to 1.16 compression factor, 150 mM NaCl as mobile phase
Storage conditions	20% EtOH + 150 mM NaCl solution, ambient temperature
Shipping solution	20% EtOH + 150 mM NaCl solution

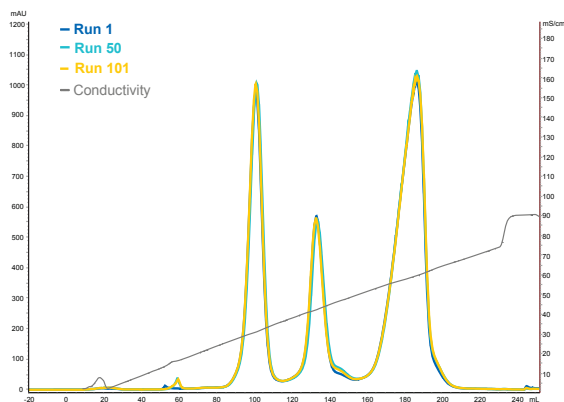
CIP Stability

Eshmuno® CPS resin can easily be cleaned or sanitized and is compatible over a wide range of pH conditions. It has excellent stability under both alkaline and acidic conditions. No significant differences in the separation of a three protein mixture were observed after 100 CIP cycles (60 minutes exposure to 1.0 M sodium hydroxide per cycle).

100 cycle study

Experimental conditions

- **Feed:** solution of Chymotrypsinogen A (14.3 mg/mL), Cytochrome C (7.2 mg/mL) and lysozyme (21.5 mg/mL) in buffer A (total protein concentration 43.0 mg/mL)
- **Load:** 5 mL sample volume corresponding to 215 mg total protein
- **Column:** 16 mm i.d. x 100 mm
- **Column volume:** 20.1 mL
- **Residence time:** 4 min
- **Buffer A:** 20 mM sodium phosphate, pH 6.0
- **Buffer B:** 20 mM sodium phosphate + 1 M NaCl, pH 6.0
- **Wash:** 1 CV Buffer A
- **Gradient elution:** 0 - 80% Buffer B in 10.4 CV
- **CIP:** 2 CV 1M NaOH at 20 cm/h (residence time 30 min)
- **Re-equilibration:** 1 CV buffer B + 5 CV buffer A



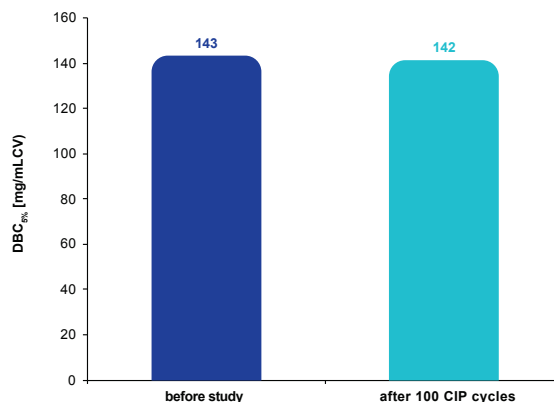
Separation of chymotrypsinogen A, cytochrome C and lysozyme on Eshmuno® CPS resin, overlaid chromatograms of run 1 (blue), run 50 (cyan), and run 101 (yellow)

Dynamic binding capacity measurements

Experimental conditions

- **Feed:** 5 mg/mL lysozyme in buffer A
- **Column:** 16 mm i.d. x 100 mm
- **Column volume:** 20.1 mL
- **Residence time:** 1 min
- **Buffer A:** 20 mM sodium phosphate, pH 6.0
- **Determination of DBC_{5%}**

The resolution of protein separation remains unchanged over a multitude of runs. The dynamic protein binding capacity has not been altered after 100 chromatographic cycles.



Ordering information

Description	Catalog Number
Eshmuno® CPS, 10 ml	1.20084.0010
Eshmuno® CPS, 100 ml	1.20084.0100
Eshmuno® CPS, 500 ml	1.20084.0500
Eshmuno® CPS, 5L	1.20084.5000
MiniChrom prepacked column with Eshmuno® CPS resin, 1ml 8x20mm	1.25164.0001
MiniChrom prepacked column with Eshmuno® CPS resin, 5ml 8x100mm	1.25165.0001
RoboColumn® prepacked column with Eshmuno® CPS, 0.2ml 8PC 5x10mm	1.25166.0001
RoboColumn® prepacked column with Eshmuno® CPS, 0.6ml 8PC 5x30mm	1.25167.0001
Buffer Preparation	Catalog Number
di-Potassium hydrogen phosphate anhydrous EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur,BP,USP	137010
Sodium chloride EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur,BP,JP,USP	137017
Sodium dihydrogen phosphate dihydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur,BP,USP,JP	137018
Sodium hydroxide pellets EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur,BP,JP,NF	137020
Sodium hydroxide solution 1 mol/L EMPROVE® EXPERT	137031
Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Trometamol) EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL Ph Eur,BP,JPC,USP	108386
Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (Trometamol) high purity EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur,BP,JPC,USP,ACS	108307
Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane hydrochloride EMPROVE® EXPERT	108219
Hydrochloric acid 1 mol/L EMPROVE® EXPERT	110165
Acetic acid 1 mol/L EMPROVE® EXPERT	137035
Acetic acid 30% EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Helv	137047
Acetic acid (glacial) 100% EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur,BP,JP,USP	137000
Sodium acetate anhydrous EMPROVE® EXPERT USP	137046
Sodium acetate trihydrate EMPROVE® EXPERT Ph Eur,BP,JP,USP	137012
Column Cleaning & Storage	Catalog Number
Ethanol 20% EMPROVE® EXPERT	480910
Ethanol 20 % (v/v) with 150 mMol/L sodium chloride solution EMPROVE® EXPERT	480940
Sodium hydroxide solution 0,1 mol/L EMPROVE® EXPERT	137058
Sodium hydroxide solution 0,5 mol/L EMPROVE® EXPERT	137060
Ethanol absolute suitable for use as excipient EMPROVE® exp Ph Eur,BP,JP,USP	100986

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