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## **ProductInformation**

### Coating Stabilizer and Blocking Buffer

Product Number **C 9483** Storage Temperature 2-8 °C

#### **Product Description**

Coating Stabilizer and Blocking Buffer improves stability and function of antigens and other proteins bound to a solid phase. It can be used as supplied for very unstable proteins, or diluted 1:1 With currently-used blocking agent for less labile antigens and proteins.

Performance is verified by testing with a labile autoimmune antigen. The antigen is coated with the stabilizer according to procedure, dried, and incubated at 50 °C overnight. Stabilization of the antigen by this treatment is confirmed if the antigen maintains 80% mean activity when tested against panel sera.

## Reagent

Product is supplied as a 0.2  $\mu$ m filtered solution, pH 7.2. It contains an anti-microbial preservative, but contains no mercury or azide.

#### Storage/Stability

Store at 2-8 °C. Do not freeze.

# Recommended Protocol for Stabilizing and Blocking Immobilized Proteins

- 1. Coat the surface with protein/antigen. Wash once to remove excess and weakly adsorbed protein.
- Before the protein begins to dry, completely cover the protein-coated surface with the Coating Stabilizer and Blocking Buffer
- 3. Incubate at room temperature for 15 to 60 minutes.
- 4. Aspirate or drain the excess stabilizer from the surface. Do not wash the surface.
- Dry the protein, preferably under vacuum. Recommended drying times are as follows:
  - a. Two hours under vacuum (<100 micron)
  - b. Overnight in a humidity controlled chamber that registers <15% humidity
- Package the bound antigen/protein in a sealed airtight container with desiccant. The product is now stabilized for long-term storage at 2-8 °C.

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