

32-13606: HIV-1 gp41 16kDa

Alternative Name :

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Description

Source: *Escherichia Coli*.

Sterile Filtered White lyophilized (freeze-dried) powder.

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Product Info

Amount :	100 µg / 0.5 mg
Purification :	Greater than 95.0% as determined by SDS-PAGE. Lyophilized from 1mg/ml in 20mM Na-carbonate, pH 9.6.
Content :	It is recommended to reconstitute the lyophilized HIV-1 gp41 in sterile 18M-cmH ₂ O not less than 100µg/ml, which can then be further diluted to other aqueous solutions.
Storage condition :	HIV-1 gp41 although stable at room temperature for 4 weeks, should be stored below -18°C. Please prevent freeze thaw cycles.