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PRODUCT INFORMATION



Zymosan A

Item No. 21175

CAS Registry No.: 58856-93-2

Supplied as: A powder

Storage: -20°C

Stability: ≥2 years

Special Conditions: Store in desiccating conditions

Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.

Description

Zymosan A is a glucan derived from the cell wall of *S. cerevisiae* that activates toll-like receptor 2 (TLR2) and a C-type lectin, dectin-1, on macrophages, monocytes, and dendritic cells to induce inflammatory signaling.¹⁻⁴ It is commonly used to stimulate a sterile inflammatory response in mouse models of sepsis, shock, and peritonitis.^{5,6} In a mouse model of sepsis/shock, a lethal dose of zymosan A (500 mg/kg) in rats induced inflammation and shock leading to death.⁷ Zymosan A can also induce biosynthesis of eicosanoids.⁸

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WARNING

THIS PRODUCT IS FOR RESEARCH ONLY - NOT FOR HUMAN OR VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

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