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## Product Data Sheet

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Product Name: Streptavidin Protein  
Cat. No.: GP24729  
Batch No.: 1

### Product Data

Purity	>98%	Source	Bacterium Streptomyces avidinii.
Physical Appearance	solid	Shipping Condition	Shipped at Room temp.
Solubility	Gives a clear solution at 5mg/ml in 0.1M NaCl.		
Formulation	Lyophilized (1mg/ml) in 50mM NaCl, pH 9.0.		

### Introduction

Streptavidin is a tetrameric protein secreted by *Streptomyces avidinii* which binds firmly to biotin. Streptavidin is widely used in molecular biology through its unique high affinity for the vitamin biotin. The dissociation constant ( $K_d$ ) of the biotin-streptavidin complex is about  $\sim 10^{-15}$  mol/L. The strong affinity recognition of biotin and biotinylated molecules has made streptavidin one of the most important components in diagnostics and laboratory kits. The streptavidin/biotin system has one of the biggest free energies of association of yet observed for noncovalent binding of a protein and small ligand in aqueous solution ( $K_{\text{assoc}} = 10^{14}$ ). The complexes are also extremely stable over a wide range of temperature and pH.

### Stability

Streptavidin although stable at 4°C for 3 weeks, should be stored desiccated below -18°C. For longer storage in dissolved form add 1mM EDTA and/or 0.02 % NaN<sub>3</sub> or pass the solution through a sterile filter. Please prevent freeze-thaw cycles.

### Background

Streptavidin is a protein produced by *Streptomyces avidinii* and isolated by purification from fermentation broth. The pure, homogeneous protein shows predominantly one single band in SDS PAGE. Streptavidin consists of 4 identical subunits, each bearing an active binding site for biotin. Streptavidin has a molecular weight of 55kDa.

**Caution: Product has not been fully validated for medical applications. For research use only.**

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