

## Product Information

# $\beta$ -Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide, reduced disodium salt hydrate

 $\geq 97\%$  (HPLC)**N8129**

## Product Description

CAS Registry Number: 606-68-8 (anhydrous)

Molecular Formula:  $C_{21}H_{27}N_7Na_2O_{14}P_2 \bullet xH_2O$ 

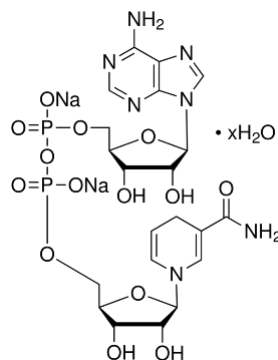
Formula Weight: 709.40 (anhydrous)

Synonyms:  $\beta$ -NADH, NADH,  $\beta$ -DPNH, DPNH, Diphosphopyridine nucleotide, reduced form $\lambda_{max}$ : 340 nm<sup>1</sup> and 259 nm (pH 9.5)<sup>2</sup> $E^{mM} = 6.22$  (340 nm)<sup>1</sup> and 14.4 (259 nm, pH 9.5)<sup>2</sup>Fluorescent Properties:<sup>3</sup>

Excitation Wavelength = 340 nm

Emission Wavelength = 460 nm

Structure:



$\beta$ -NADH is a pyridine nucleotide and biologically active form of nicotinic acid.  $\beta$ -NADH is a coenzyme required for the catalytic reaction of certain enzymes.  $\beta$ -NAD<sup>+</sup> is a carrier for hydride ion, forming  $\beta$ -NADH. The hydride ion is enzymatically removed from a substrate molecule by the action of dehydrogenases such as malic dehydrogenase and lactic dehydrogenase. These enzymes catalyze the reversible transfer of a hydride ion from malate or lactate to  $\beta$ -NAD<sup>+</sup>, forming the reduced product,  $\beta$ -NADH.

Unlike  $\beta$ -NAD<sup>+</sup>, which has no absorbance at 340 nm,  $\beta$ -NADH absorbs at 340 nm. The increase in absorbance (with  $\beta$ -NADH formation) or the decrease in absorbance (with  $\beta$ -NAD<sup>+</sup> formation) is the basis for measurement of activity of many enzymes at 340 nm.<sup>4</sup>

Many metabolites and enzymes of biological interest are present in tissues at low concentrations. With the use of  $\beta$ -NADH as a cofactor and several enzymes in a multistep system, known as enzyme cycling, much greater sensitivity for detection of these components is achieved.  $\beta$ -NADH is fluorescent, whereas  $\beta$ -NAD<sup>+</sup> is **not** fluorescent. This difference in fluorescence provides a sensitive measurement of the oxidized or reduced pyridine nucleotides at concentrations down to 10<sup>-7</sup> M.<sup>5,6</sup> Discussion of optimizing the fluorescence intensity and identification of interfering substances has been reported.<sup>6</sup>

Several publications,<sup>10-17</sup> theses,<sup>18-22</sup> and dissertations<sup>23-32</sup> have cited use of N8129 in their research protocols.

## Precautions and Disclaimer

For R&D use only. Not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

## Reagent

This product is supplied as a lyophilized powder, packaged by solid weight.

## Storage/Stability

Store the product at -20 °C.  $\beta$ -NADH should be stored desiccated and protected from light.<sup>1</sup>

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## Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in 0.01 M NaOH (100 mg/mL).

Solutions should be freshly prepared and used promptly unless extreme care is taken. **Water alone should not be used to prepare solutions**, since it tends to be acidic and would decompose  $\beta$ -NADH. If solutions must be stored for any length of time, phosphate buffers should be avoided since they accelerate the destruction of  $\beta$ -NADH.<sup>6,7</sup> Tris (0.01 M, pH 8.5) and MES buffers are better options.

Since  $\beta$ -NADH solutions are susceptible to oxidation even at low temperatures, solutions should be prepared at concentrations no greater than 5 mM, at a pH of 9-11, and stored at 4 °C.<sup>6</sup> If a low temperature freezer is available (-40 °C or colder), more concentrated solutions can be prepared and stored for years.<sup>6</sup>

The presence of light and heavy metals can accelerate the oxidation process.<sup>1</sup>

Potent enzyme inhibitors have been reported to form from  $\beta$ -NADH in frozen solutions and even in damp powder. These inhibitors have the same absorbance at 340 nm as  $\beta$ -NADH and thus cannot be detected in this manner.<sup>8</sup> Two inhibitors of lactate dehydrogenase which were generated during  $\beta$ -NADH storage have been identified:<sup>9</sup>

- One is a dimer of the dinucleotide where the AMP moiety is unmodified.
- The other is generated from  $\beta$ -NAD<sup>+</sup> in the presence of a high concentration of phosphate ions at alkaline pH. This compound was formed through the addition of one phosphate group to position C-4 of the nicotinamide ring of  $\beta$ -NAD<sup>+</sup>.

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