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Product Sheet

# *Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Powder Type 18C (US Type 56)* (ATCC® 248-X™)

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Biosafety Level
**1**

## Intended Use

This product is intended for research use only. It is not intended for any animal or human therapeutic or diagnostic use.

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## Description

**Antigenic Properties:** Type 56 (Danish designation 18C)
**Product Description:**
Purified pneumococcal polysaccharides are manufactured by Merck & Company for small quantity distribution by ATCC. The pneumococcal powders include those types which are components of the current 23-valent vaccine against *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.

Each of the polysaccharide antigens used in the polyvalent vaccine is extracted and purified separately. These vaccine products can be used to assay for type-specific antibodies, research immune responses and study immunodeficiencies.

## Propagation

**Method for Resuspension**

1. Prepare a 2 mg/mL pneumococcal polysaccharide stock solution by adding 1 mL of pyrogen-free distilled water to 2 mg of pneumococcal polysaccharide.
2. Incubate the suspension overnight at 2-8°C with gentle stirring on a stir plate to dissolve the polysaccharide.
3. Aliquot the polysaccharide solution and store the aliquots containing the stock solution at –60°C to –80°C.

## Notes

Stock solution can be diluted to a working concentration in the buffer of the researcher's choice.
Storage of Powder: Store at -10°C or colder.
Storage of Reconstituted Material: Store at -60°C to -80°C.

Quantities available: (See Web site for current prices)
2 mg
10 mg
200 mg

Pneumococcal polysaccharide powders are manufactured by Merck and Company. They are **NOT** sterile products. Antigenicity is verified by Merck.
No Certificate of Analysis is available for this product.

## References

References and other information relating to this product are available online at www.atcc.org.

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