



Product Sheet

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

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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](http://www.atcc.org).

## **Biosafety Level: 1**

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the current publication of the *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories* from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institutes for Health.

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