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## PRODUCT AND SAFETY DATA SHEET

**PRODUCT NAME:** Congo Red "high purity grade"

80028 **CATALOG NUMBER:** 

**MOLECULAR** C32H22N6 Na2O6S2

**INFORMATION:** Mwt: 696.66

[573-58-0]

**PROPERTIES:** 

Color & Form Red solid **Purity**  $\geq$  97% by HPLC

**Solubility** Soluble in water, DMSO, EtOH

STORAGE AND HANDLING:

Stored desiccated at 4 °C upon receipt.

**APPLICATION:** 

Congo Red has been used in microscopy for staining elastic fibers and bacteria. Amyloid protein, an abnormal protein aggregate associated with various pathologies, is commonly detected in tissue with Congo Red. Detection of amyloid is relevant for a whole host of diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, Creutzfeld-Jakob's disease and Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy. The birefringence of Congo Red-stained amyloid, appearing green under polarized light, improves detection relative to simple visible examination of the colored deposits. Additionally, upon binding to amyloid, Congo Red displays bright fluorescence emission at 614 nm with excitation at 497nm.

Unknown **TOXICITY:** 

Potentially harmful. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure. Avoid getting in eyes, on skin, or on FIRST AID:

> clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. If eye or skin contact occurs, wash affected areas with plenty of water for 15 minutes and seek medical advice. In case of inhaling or swallowing,

move individual to fresh air and seek medical advice immediately.

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