

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

Conforms to EU Directive 91/155/EEC, as amended by 2001/58/EC - United Kingdom (UK)  
English

## 1. Identification of the substance/preparation and company/undertaking

Product name

HeLa cells (Quake), 1 ml

Catalogue Number

28-9409-29



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Product type

Liquid.

Company/undertaking identification

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## 2. Hazards identification

The product is not classified as dangerous according to Directive 1999/45/EC and its amendments.

Classification

Not classified.

See section 11 for more detailed information on health effects and symptoms.

## 3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance/preparation

Preparation

Ingredient nameCAS number%EC numberClassification

dimethyl sulfoxide

67-68-5

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200-664-3

Xi; R36/38

See section 16 for the full text of the R-phrases declared above

Occupational exposure limits, if available, are listed in section 8.

## 4. First-aid measures

First-aid measures

Inhalation

Move exposed person to fresh air. Keep person warm and at rest. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. Obtain medical attention if symptoms occur.

Ingestion

Wash out mouth with water. Move exposed person to fresh air. Keep person warm and at rest. If material has been swallowed and the exposed person is conscious, give small quantities of water to drink. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. Obtain medical attention if symptoms occur.

Skin contact

Flush contaminated skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Obtain medical attention if symptoms occur.

Eye contact

Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.

Protection of first-aiders

No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.



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<b>Notes to physician</b>	No specific treatment. Treat symptomatically. Contact poison treatment specialist immediately if large quantities have been ingested or inhaled.
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## 5. Fire-fighting measures

### Extinguishing media

<b>Suitable</b>	Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
<b>Not suitable</b>	None known.
<b>Special exposure hazards</b>	In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst. Promptly isolate the scene by removing all persons from the vicinity of the incident if there is a fire. No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.
<b>Special protective equipment for fire-fighters</b>	Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

## 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Personal precautions</b>	No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. Evacuate surrounding areas. Keep unnecessary and unprotected personnel from entering. Do not touch or walk through spilt material. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8).
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	Avoid dispersal of spilt material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers. Inform the relevant authorities if the product has caused environmental pollution (sewers, waterways, soil or air).
<b>Large spill</b>	Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Prevent entry into sewers, water courses, basements or confined areas. Wash spillages into an effluent treatment plant or proceed as follows. Contain and collect spillage with non-combustible, absorbent material e.g. sand, earth, vermiculite or diatomaceous earth and place in container for disposal according to local regulations (see section 13). Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Note: see section 1 for emergency contact information and section 13 for waste disposal.
<b>Small spill</b>	Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Dilute with water and mop up if water-soluble or absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.

## 7. Handling and storage

<b>Handling</b>	Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see section 8). Eating, drinking and smoking should be prohibited in areas where this material is handled, stored and processed. Workers should wash hands and face before eating, drinking and smoking.
<b>Storage</b>	Store in accordance with local regulations. Store in original container protected from direct sunlight in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area, away from incompatible materials (see section 10) and food and drink. Keep container tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Containers that have been opened must be carefully resealed and kept upright to prevent leakage. Do not store in unlabelled containers. Use appropriate containment to avoid environmental contamination.
<b><u>Packaging materials</u></b>	
<b>Recommended</b>	Use original container.

## 8. Exposure controls/personal protection

<b>Exposure limit values</b>	Not available.
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### Exposure controls

<b>Occupational exposure controls</b>	No special ventilation requirements. Good general ventilation should be sufficient to control worker exposure to airborne contaminants. If this product contains ingredients with exposure limits, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure below any recommended or statutory limits.
<b>Respiratory protection</b>	Use a properly fitted, air-purifying or air-fed respirator complying with an approved standard if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary. Respirator selection must be based on known or anticipated exposure levels, the hazards of the product and the safe working limits of the selected respirator.
<b>Hand protection</b>	Chemical-resistant, impervious gloves complying with an approved standard should be worn at all times when handling chemical products if a risk assessment indicates this is necessary.
<b>Eye protection</b>	Safety eyewear complying with an approved standard should be used when a risk assessment indicates this is necessary to avoid exposure to liquid splashes, mists or dusts.
<b>Skin protection</b>	Personal protective equipment for the body should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product. Wash hands, forearms and face thoroughly after handling chemical products, before eating, smoking and using the lavatory and at the end of the working period. Appropriate techniques should be used to remove potentially contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
<b>Environmental exposure controls</b>	Emissions from ventilation or work process equipment should be checked to ensure they comply with the requirements of environmental protection legislation. In some cases, fume scrubbers, filters or engineering modifications to the process equipment will be necessary to reduce emissions to acceptable levels.



## 9. Physical and chemical properties

### General information

#### Appearance

Physical state	Liquid.
Colour	Amber.

### Important health, safety and environmental information

Explosive properties	Non-explosive in the presence of the following materials or conditions: open flames, sparks and static discharge, heat, shocks and mechanical impacts, oxidizing materials, reducing materials, combustible materials, organic materials, metals, acids, alkalis and moisture.
Solubility	Not available.

## 10. Stability and reactivity

Stability	The product is stable.
Conditions to avoid	No specific data.
Materials to avoid	No specific data.
Hazardous decomposition products	Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

## 11. Toxicological information

### Potential acute health effects

Inhalation	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Ingestion	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Skin contact	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Eye contact	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
dimethyl sulfoxide	LD50 Dermal	Rat	40 g/kg	-
	LD50 Intraperitoneal	Rat	8200 mg/kg	-
	LD50 Intravenous	Rat	5360 mg/kg	-
	LD50 Oral	Rat	17400 mg/kg	-
	LD50 Oral	Rat	14500 mg/kg	-
	LD50 Subcutaneous	Rat	12 g/kg	-
	LD50 Unreported	Rat	1300 mg/kg	-
	TDLo Intracerebral	Rat	2234.8 mg/kg	-
	TDLo Intraperitoneal	Rat	200 mg/kg	-
	TDLo Intraperitoneal	Rat	1000 mg/kg	-
	TDLo Intraperitoneal	Rat	750 mg/kg	-

Conclusion/Summary Very low toxicity to humans or animals.

### Potential chronic health effects

Chronic effects	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Carcinogenicity	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Mutagenicity	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Reproductive toxicity	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Developmental effects	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
Fertility effects	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Over-exposure signs/symptoms

Inhalation	No specific data.
Ingestion	No specific data.
Skin	No specific data.
Eyes	No specific data.

Target organs Contains material which may cause damage to the following organs: skin, eye, lens or cornea.

## 12. Ecological information

Environmental effects No known significant effects or critical hazards.

Product/ingredient name	Test	Result	Species	Exposure
dimethyl sulfoxide	-	Acute LC50 >400 ml/L Fresh water	Fish - Bluegill - Lepomis macrochirus - 1 g	96 hours
	-	Acute LC50 35 to 37 ml/L Fresh water	Fish - Rainbow trout, donaldson trout - Oncorhynchus mykiss - 0.7 g	96 hours
	-	Acute LC50 34000000 ug/L Fresh	Fish - Fathead minnow -	96 hours



		water	Pimephales promelas - 31 days - 15.8 mm - 0.062 g
Conclusion/Summary	Not available.		
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<u>Product/ingredient name</u>	<u>Aquatic half-life</u>	<u>Photolysis</u>	<u>Biodegradability</u>
dimethyl sulfoxide	-	3.1%; 14 day(s).	Not readily
<u>Bioaccumulative potential</u>			
<u>Product/ingredient name</u>	<u>LogP<sub>ow</sub></u>	<u>BCF</u>	<u>Potential</u>
dimethyl sulfoxide	-2.03	<4	low
Other adverse effects	No known significant effects or critical hazards.		

### 13. Disposal considerations

<b>Methods of disposal</b>	The generation of waste should be avoided or minimised wherever possible. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Disposal of this product, solutions and any by-products should at all times comply with the requirements of environmental protection and waste disposal legislation and any regional local authority requirements. Avoid dispersal of spilt material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.
<b>Hazardous waste</b>	Within the present knowledge of the supplier, this product is not regarded as hazardous waste, as defined by EU Directive 91/689/EEC.

### 14. Transport information

#### International transport regulations

Not classified.

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### 15. Regulatory information

#### EU regulations

Classification and labeling have been determined according to EU Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC (including amendments) and take into account the intended product use.

**Risk phrases** This product is not classified according to EU legislation.

**Product use** Industrial applications.

**Europe inventory** Not determined.

#### Other EU regulations

**Additional warning phrases** Safety data sheet available for professional user on request.

### 16. Other information

**Full text of R-phrases referred to in sections 2 and 3 - United Kingdom (UK)** R36/38- Irritating to eyes and skin.

**Full text of classifications referred to in sections 2 and 3 - United Kingdom (UK)** Xi - Irritant



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