

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

XL1-Blue MR Competent Cells, Part Number 200229

## Section 1. Identification

**Product identifier** : XL1-Blue MR Competent Cells, Part Number 200229  
**Part no. (chemical kit)** : 200229  
**Part no.** : XL1-Blue MR competent cells 200229-41  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid 200231-42  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol 210200-43

### Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

**Material uses** : Analytical reagent.  
 XL1-Blue MR competent cells 5 x 0.2 ml  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid 0.01 ml (0.1 ng/μl)  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol 0.025 ml (25 μl 1.42M)

**Supplier/Manufacturer** : Agilent Technologies Australia Pty Ltd  
 679 Springvale Road  
 Mulgrave  
 Victoria 3170, Australia  
 1800 802 402

**Emergency telephone number (with hours of operation)** : CHEMTREC®: +(61)-290372994

## Section 2. Hazard(s) identification

### Classification of the substance or mixture

#### Beta Mercaptoethanol

H312 ACUTE TOXICITY (dermal) - Category 4  
 H332 ACUTE TOXICITY (inhalation) - Category 4  
 H315 SKIN CORROSION/IRRITATION - Category 2  
 H318 SERIOUS EYE DAMAGE/EYE IRRITATION - Category 1  
 H317 SKIN SENSITISATION - Category 1  
 H412 LONG-TERM (CHRONIC) AQUATIC HAZARD - Category 3

XL1-Blue MR competent cells Percentage of the mixture consisting of ingredient(s) of unknown dermal toxicity: 1 - 10%  
 Percentage of the mixture consisting of ingredient(s) of unknown inhalation toxicity: 10 - 30%

### GHS label elements

#### Hazard pictograms

Beta Mercaptoethanol



#### Signal word

XL1-Blue MR competent cells No signal word.  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid No signal word.  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol DANGER

## Section 2. Hazard(s) identification

**Hazard statements** :  XL1-Blue MR competent cells No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol H312 + H332 - Harmful in contact with skin or if inhaled.  
 H318 - Causes serious eye damage.  
 H315 - Causes skin irritation.  
 H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction.  
 H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

**Precautionary statements**

**Prevention** :  XL1-Blue MR competent cells Not applicable.  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Not applicable.  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol P280 - Wear protective gloves. Wear eye or face protection. Wear protective clothing.  
 P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.  
 P273 - Avoid release to the environment.  
 P261 - Avoid breathing vapour.  
 P264 - Wash hands thoroughly after handling.  
 P272 - Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.

**Response** :  XL1-Blue MR competent cells Not applicable.  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Not applicable.  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol P304 + P340 + P312 - IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell.  
 P302 + P352 + P312 + P362 + P363 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Call a POISON CENTER or physician if you feel unwell. Take off contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.  
 P333 + P313 - If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical attention.  
 P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER or physician.

**Storage** :  XL1-Blue MR competent cells Not applicable.  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Not applicable.  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol Not applicable.

**Disposal** :  XL1-Blue MR competent cells Not applicable.  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Not applicable.  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol P501 - Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national and international regulations.

**Supplemental label elements**

**Additional warning phrases** :  XL1-Blue MR competent cells Not applicable.  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Not applicable.  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol Not applicable.

**Other hazards which do not result in classification** : XL1-Blue MR competent cells None known.  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid None known.  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol None known.

## Section 3. Composition and ingredient information

**Substance/mixture** : XL1-Blue MR competent cells Mixture  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Mixture  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol Mixture

### CAS number/other identifiers

Ingredient name	% (w/w)	CAS number
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XL1-Blue MR competent cells		
Glycerol	≥10 - ≤30	56-81-5
Dimethyl sulfoxide	≤10	67-68-5
Sucrose	≤10	57-50-1
<b>Beta Mercaptoethanol</b>		
2-Mercaptoethanol	≤12	60-24-2

There are no additional ingredients present which, within the current knowledge of the supplier and in the concentrations applicable, are classified as hazardous to health or the environment and hence require reporting in this section.

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

## Section 4. First aid measures

### Description of necessary first aid measures

<b>Eye contact</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water, occasionally lifting the upper and lower eyelids. Check for and remove any contact lenses. Get medical attention if irritation occurs.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Get medical attention immediately. Call a poison center or physician. 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. Chemical burns must be treated promptly by a physician.
<b>Inhalation</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Get medical attention immediately. Call a poison center or physician. Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. If not breathing, if breathing is irregular or if respiratory arrest occurs, provide artificial respiration or oxygen by trained personnel. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

## Section 4. First aid measures

<b>Skin contact</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	Flush contaminated skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	Flush contaminated skin with plenty of water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Get medical attention immediately. Call a poison center or physician. Wash with plenty of soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Wash contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing it, or wear gloves. Continue to rinse for at least 10 minutes. Chemical burns must be treated promptly by a physician. In the event of any complaints or symptoms, avoid further exposure. Wash clothing before reuse. Clean shoes thoroughly before reuse.
<b>Ingestion</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	Wash out mouth with water. Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. 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. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	Wash out mouth with water. Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. 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. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Get medical attention immediately. Call a poison center or physician. Wash out mouth with water. Remove dentures if any. Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. If material has been swallowed and the exposed person is conscious, give small quantities of water to drink. Stop if the exposed person feels sick as vomiting may be dangerous. Do not induce vomiting unless directed to do so by medical personnel. If vomiting occurs, the head should be kept low so that vomit does not enter the lungs. Chemical burns must be treated promptly by a physician. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If unconscious, place in recovery position and get medical attention immediately. Maintain an open airway. Loosen tight clothing such as a collar, tie, belt or waistband.

### Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed

#### Potential acute health effects

<b>Eye contact</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Causes serious eye damage.
<b>Inhalation</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Harmful if inhaled.

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<b>Skin contact</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Harmful in contact with skin. Causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction.
<b>Ingestion</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Over-exposure signs/symptoms

<b>Eye contact</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No specific data.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No specific data.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Adverse symptoms may include the following: pain watering redness
<b>Inhalation</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No specific data.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No specific data.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	No specific data.
<b>Skin contact</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No specific data.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No specific data.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Adverse symptoms may include the following: pain or irritation redness blistering may occur
<b>Ingestion</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No specific data.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No specific data.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Adverse symptoms may include the following: stomach pains

### Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed, if necessary

<b>Notes to physician</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	Treat symptomatically. Contact poison treatment specialist immediately if large quantities have been ingested or inhaled.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	Treat symptomatically. Contact poison treatment specialist immediately if large quantities have been ingested or inhaled.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Treat symptomatically. Contact poison treatment specialist immediately if large quantities have been ingested or inhaled.
<b>Specific treatments</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No specific treatment.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No specific treatment.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	No specific treatment.
<b>Protection of first-aiders</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	No action shall be taken involving any personal risk or without suitable training. If it is suspected that fumes are still present, the rescuer should wear an appropriate mask or self-contained breathing apparatus. It may be dangerous to the person providing aid to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Wash contaminated clothing thoroughly with water before removing it, or wear gloves.

## Section 4. First aid measures

See toxicological information (Section 11)

## Section 5. Firefighting measures

### Extinguishing media

<b>Suitable extinguishing media</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

<b>Unsuitable extinguishing media</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	None known.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	None known.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	None known.

<b>Specific hazards arising from the chemical</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	In a fire or if heated, a pressure increase will occur and the container may burst. This material is harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects. Fire water contaminated with this material must be contained and prevented from being discharged to any waterway, sewer or drain.

<b>Hazardous thermal decomposition products</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	Decomposition products may include the following materials: carbon dioxide carbon monoxide sulfur oxides halogenated compounds metal oxide/oxides
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No specific data.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Decomposition products may include the following materials: carbon dioxide carbon monoxide sulfur oxides

<b>Special protective actions for fire-fighters</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	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.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	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.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	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>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

## Section 5. Firefighting measures

Beta Mercaptoethanol      Fire-fighters should wear appropriate protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with a full face-piece operated in positive pressure mode.

## Section 6. Accidental release measures

### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

<b>For non-emergency personnel</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	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.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	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.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	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. Do not breathe vapour or mist. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Put on appropriate personal protective equipment.
<b>For emergency responders</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	If specialised clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For non-emergency personnel".
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	If specialised clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For non-emergency personnel".
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	If specialised clothing is required to deal with the spillage, take note of any information in Section 8 on suitable and unsuitable materials. See also the information in "For non-emergency personnel".
<b>Environmental precautions</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	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).
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	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).
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	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). Water polluting material. May be harmful to the environment if released in large quantities.

### Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

## Section 6. Accidental release measures

<b>Methods for cleaning up</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Dilute with water and mop up if water-soluble. Alternatively, or if water-insoluble, absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Dilute with water and mop up if water-soluble. Alternatively, or if water-insoluble, absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Stop leak if without risk. Move containers from spill area. Dilute with water and mop up if water-soluble. Alternatively, or if water-insoluble, absorb with an inert dry material and place in an appropriate waste disposal container. Dispose of via a licensed waste disposal contractor.

## Section 7. Handling and storage

### Precautions for safe handling

<b>Protective measures</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8).
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8).
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (see Section 8). Persons with a history of skin sensitization problems should not be employed in any process in which this product is used. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Do not breathe vapour or mist. Do not ingest. Avoid release to the environment. Use only with adequate ventilation. Wear appropriate respirator when ventilation is inadequate. Keep in the original container or an approved alternative made from a compatible material, kept tightly closed when not in use. Empty containers retain product residue and can be hazardous. Do not reuse container.
<b>Advice on general occupational hygiene</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	Potentially biohazardous material. 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. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	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. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	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. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas. See also Section 8 for additional information on hygiene measures.



## Section 7. Handling and storage

**Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities** : XL1-Blue MR competent cells

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. See Section 10 for incompatible materials before handling or use.

pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid

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. See Section 10 for incompatible materials before handling or use.

Beta Mercaptoethanol

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. Store locked up. 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. See Section 10 for incompatible materials before handling or use.

## Section 8. Exposure controls and personal protection

Control parameters

Occupational exposure limits

Ingredient name	Exposure limits
XL1-Blue MR competent cells Glycerol  Dimethyl sulfoxide        Sucrose	<p><b>Safe Work Australia (Australia, 1/2014).</b> TWA: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 8 hours.</p> <p><b>DFG MAC-values list (Germany, 7/2015). Absorbed through skin.</b> PEAK: 320 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, 4 times per shift, 15 minutes. TWA: 160 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 8 hours. PEAK: 100 ppm, 4 times per shift, 15 minutes. TWA: 50 ppm 8 hours.</p> <p><b>Safe Work Australia (Australia, 1/2014).</b> TWA: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> 8 hours.</p>

**Appropriate engineering controls** : If user operations generate dust, fumes, gas, vapour or mist, use process enclosures, local exhaust ventilation or other engineering controls to keep worker exposure to airborne contaminants below any recommended or statutory limits.

**Environmental exposure controls** : 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.

## Section 8. Exposure controls and personal protection

### Individual protection measures

- Hygiene measures** : Handle as biohazard material (Biosafety level 1). 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. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Wash contaminated clothing before reusing. Ensure that eyewash stations and safety showers are close to the workstation location.
- Eye/face protection** : 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, gases or dusts. If contact is possible, the following protection should be worn, unless the assessment indicates a higher degree of protection: chemical splash goggles and/or face shield. If inhalation hazards exist, a full-face respirator may be required instead.
- Skin protection**
- Hand protection** : 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. Considering the parameters specified by the glove manufacturer, check during use that the gloves are still retaining their protective properties. It should be noted that the time to breakthrough for any glove material may be different for different glove manufacturers. In the case of mixtures, consisting of several substances, the protection time of the gloves cannot be accurately estimated.
- Body protection** : 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.
- Other skin protection** : Appropriate footwear and any additional skin protection measures should be selected based on the task being performed and the risks involved and should be approved by a specialist before handling this product.
- Respiratory protection** : Based on the hazard and potential for exposure, select a respirator that meets the appropriate standard or certification. Respirators must be used according to a respiratory protection program to ensure proper fitting, training, and other important aspects of use.

## Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

### Appearance

- Physical state** : XL1-Blue MR competent cells Liquid.  
pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Liquid.  
Beta Mercaptoethanol Liquid.
- Colour** : XL1-Blue MR competent cells Not available.  
pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Not available.  
Beta Mercaptoethanol Not available.
- Odour** : XL1-Blue MR competent cells Not available.  
pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Not available.  
Beta Mercaptoethanol Not available.
- Odour threshold** : XL1-Blue MR competent cells Not available.  
pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Not available.  
Beta Mercaptoethanol Not available.
- pH** : XL1-Blue MR competent cells Not available.  
pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid 7.5  
Beta Mercaptoethanol Not available.

## Section 9. Physical and chemical properties

<b>Melting point</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not available. 0°C (32°F) Not available.
<b>Boiling point</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not available. 100°C (212°F) Not available.
<b>Flash point</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not available. Not available. Not available.
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not available. Not available. Not available.
<b>Flammability (solid, gas)</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not applicable. Not applicable. Not applicable.
<b>Lower and upper explosive (flammable) limits</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not available. Not available. Not available.
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not available. Not available. Not available.
<b>Vapour density</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not available. Not available. Not available.
<b>Relative density</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not available. Not available. Not available.
<b>Solubility</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Soluble in the following materials: cold water and hot water. Easily soluble in the following materials: cold water and hot water. Easily soluble in the following materials: cold water and hot water.
<b>Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not available. Not available. Not available.
<b>Auto-ignition temperature</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not available. Not available. Not available.
<b>Decomposition temperature</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not available. Not available. Not available.
<b>Viscosity</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	Not available. Not available. Not available.

## Section 10. Stability and reactivity

<b>Reactivity</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid  Beta Mercaptoethanol	No specific test data related to reactivity available for this product or its ingredients. No specific test data related to reactivity available for this product or its ingredients. No specific test data related to reactivity available for this product or its ingredients.
<b>Chemical stability</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	The product is stable. The product is stable. The product is stable.
<b>Possibility of hazardous reactions</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid  Beta Mercaptoethanol	Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur. Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur. Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous reactions will not occur.
<b>Conditions to avoid</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	No specific data. No specific data. No specific data.
<b>Incompatible materials</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Beta Mercaptoethanol	May react or be incompatible with oxidising materials. May react or be incompatible with oxidising materials. May react or be incompatible with oxidising materials.
<b>Hazardous decomposition products</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells  pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid  Beta Mercaptoethanol	Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced. Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced. Under normal conditions of storage and use, hazardous decomposition products should not be produced.

## Section 11. Toxicological information

### Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Dose	Exposure
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XL1-Blue MR competent cells				
Glycerol	LD50 Oral	Rat	12600 mg/kg	-
Dimethyl sulfoxide	LD50 Dermal	Rat	40000 mg/kg	-
	LD50 Oral	Rat	14500 mg/kg	-
Sucrose	LD50 Oral	Rat	29700 mg/kg	-
<b>Beta Mercaptoethanol</b>				
2-Mercaptoethanol	LD50 Oral	Rat	244 mg/kg	-

#### Irritation/Corrosion

## Section 11. Toxicological information

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Score	Exposure	Observation
<b>XL1-Blue MR competent cells</b> Glycerol  Dimethyl sulfoxide	Eyes - Mild irritant	Rabbit	-	24 hours 500 milligrams	-
	Skin - Mild irritant	Rabbit	-	24 hours 500 milligrams	-
	Eyes - Mild irritant	Rabbit	-	24 hours 500 milligrams	-
	Eyes - Mild irritant	Rabbit	-	100 milligrams	-
	Skin - Mild irritant	Rabbit	-	24 hours 500 milligrams	-
	Skin - Mild irritant	Rabbit	-	100 milligrams	-
<b>Beta Mercaptoethanol</b> 2-Mercaptoethanol	Eyes - Severe irritant	Rabbit	-	2 milligrams	-

### Sensitisation

Not available.

### Mutagenicity

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

### Carcinogenicity

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

### Reproductive toxicity

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

### Teratogenicity

**Conclusion/Summary** : Not available.

### Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)

Name	Category	Route of exposure	Target organs
<b>Beta Mercaptoethanol</b> 2-Mercaptoethanol	Category 3	Not applicable.	Respiratory tract irritation

### Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)

Not available.

### Aspiration hazard

Not available.

**Information on likely routes of exposure** : XL1-Blue MR competent cells Routes of entry anticipated: Oral, Dermal, Inhalation.  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid Not available.  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol Routes of entry anticipated: Oral, Dermal, Inhalation.

### Potential acute health effects

**Eye contact** : XL1-Blue MR competent cells No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol Causes serious eye damage.

**Inhalation** : XL1-Blue MR competent cells No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
 pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid No known significant effects or critical hazards.  
 Beta Mercaptoethanol Harmful if inhaled.

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<b>Skin contact</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Harmful in contact with skin. Causes skin irritation. May cause an allergic skin reaction.
<b>Ingestion</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Symptoms related to the physical, chemical and toxicological characteristics

<b>Eye contact</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No specific data.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No specific data.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Adverse symptoms may include the following: pain watering redness
<b>Inhalation</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No specific data.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No specific data.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	No specific data.
<b>Skin contact</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No specific data.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No specific data.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Adverse symptoms may include the following: pain or irritation redness blistering may occur
<b>Ingestion</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No specific data.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No specific data.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Adverse symptoms may include the following: stomach pains

### Delayed and immediate effects as well as chronic effects from short and long-term exposure

#### Short term exposure

**Potential immediate effects** : Not available.

**Potential delayed effects** : Not available.

#### Long term exposure

**Potential immediate effects** : Not available.

**Potential delayed effects** : Not available.

#### Potential chronic health effects

<b>General</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	Once sensitized, a severe allergic reaction may occur when subsequently exposed to very low levels.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

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<b>Mutagenicity</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Teratogenicity</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Developmental effects</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
<b>Fertility effects</b>	: XL1-Blue MR competent cells	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	pUC 18 DNA Control Plasmid	No known significant effects or critical hazards.
	Beta Mercaptoethanol	No known significant effects or critical hazards.

### Numerical measures of toxicity

#### Acute toxicity estimates

Route	ATE value
<b>Beta Mercaptoethanol</b>	
Oral	2440 mg/kg
Dermal	2000 mg/kg
Inhalation (vapours)	20 mg/l

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### Toxicity

Product/ingredient name	Result	Species	Exposure
<b>XL1-Blue MR competent cells</b>			
Glycerol	Acute LC50 54000 mg/l Fresh water	Fish - Oncorhynchus mykiss	96 hours
Dimethyl sulfoxide	Acute LC50 25000 ppm Fresh water	Daphnia - Daphnia magna - Neonate	48 hours
	Acute LC50 34000000 µg/l Fresh water	Fish - Pimephales promelas	96 hours
	Chronic NOEC 100 ul/L Marine water	Algae - Ulva lactuca	72 hours

### Persistence and degradability

Product/ingredient name	Test	Result	Dose	Inoculum
<b>XL1-Blue MR competent cells</b>				
Glycerol	301D Ready Biodegradability - Closed Bottle Test	93 % - 30 days	-	-

### Bioaccumulative potential

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Product/ingredient name	LogP <sub>ow</sub>	BCF	Potential
<b>XL1-Blue MR competent cells</b>			
Glycerol	-1.76	-	low
Dimethyl sulfoxide	-1.35	3.16	low
Sucrose	-3.7	-	low
<b>Beta Mercaptoethanol</b>			
2-Mercaptoethanol	-0.056	-	low

### Mobility in soil

**Soil/water partition coefficient (K<sub>oc</sub>)** : Not available.

**Other adverse effects** : No known significant effects or critical hazards.

## Section 13. Disposal considerations

**Disposal methods** : The generation of waste should be avoided or minimised wherever possible. 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. Dispose of surplus and non-recyclable products via a licensed waste disposal contractor. Waste should not be disposed of untreated to the sewer unless fully compliant with the requirements of all authorities with jurisdiction. Waste packaging should be recycled. Incineration or landfill should only be considered when recycling is not feasible. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way. Care should be taken when handling emptied containers that have not been cleaned or rinsed out. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. Avoid dispersal of spilled material and runoff and contact with soil, waterways, drains and sewers.

## Section 14. Transport information

**ADG / IMDG / IATA** : Not regulated as Dangerous Goods according to the ADG Code .

**Special precautions for user** : **Transport within user's premises:** always transport in closed containers that are upright and secure. Ensure that persons transporting the product know what to do in the event of an accident or spillage.

**Transport in bulk according to Annex II of Marpol and the IBC Code** : Not available.

## Section 15. Regulatory information

### Standard Uniform Schedule of Medicine and Poisons

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### Model Work Health and Safety Regulations - Scheduled Substances

No listed substance

### International regulations

#### Chemical Weapon Convention List Schedules I, II & III Chemicals

Not listed.

#### Montreal Protocol (Annexes A, B, C, E)

Not listed.

#### Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

Not listed.



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### [Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent \(PIC\)](#)

Not listed.

### [UNECE Aarhus Protocol on POPs and Heavy Metals](#)

Not listed.

### [Inventory list](#)

<b>Australia</b>	: All components are listed or exempted.
<b>Canada</b>	: All components are listed or exempted.
<b>China</b>	: Not determined.
<b>Europe</b>	: All components are listed or exempted.
<b>Japan</b>	: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Japan inventory (ENCS)</b> : Not determined. <b>Japan inventory (ISHL)</b> : All components are listed or exempted.
<b>Malaysia</b>	: Not determined.
<b>New Zealand</b>	: Not determined.
<b>Philippines</b>	: Not determined.
<b>Republic of Korea</b>	: All components are listed or exempted.
<b>Taiwan</b>	: All components are listed or exempted.
<b>Thailand</b>	: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not determined.
<b>Turkey</b>	: Not determined.
<b>United States</b>	: All components are listed or exempted.
<b>Viet Nam</b>	: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not determined.

## Section 16. Any other relevant information

### [History](#)

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### [Key to abbreviations](#)

: ADG = Australian Dangerous Goods  
 ATE = Acute Toxicity Estimate  
 BCF = Bioconcentration Factor  
 GHS = Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals  
 IATA = International Air Transport Association  
 IBC = Intermediate Bulk Container  
 IMDG = International Maritime Dangerous Goods  
 LogPow = logarithm of the octanol/water partition coefficient  
 MARPOL = International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978. ("Marpol" = marine pollution)  
 NOHSC = National Occupational Health and Safety Commission  
 SUSMP = Standard Uniform Schedule of Medicine and Poisons  
 UN = United Nations

### [Procedure used to derive the classification](#)

Classification	Justification
<b>Beta Mercaptoethanol</b> Acute Tox. 4, H312 Acute Tox. 4, H332 Skin Irrit. 2, H315 Eye Dam. 1, H318 Skin Sens. 1, H317 Aquatic Chronic 3, H412	Calculation method Calculation method Calculation method Calculation method Calculation method Calculation method

**References** : Not available.

Indicates information that has changed from previously issued version.

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## Section 16. Any other relevant information

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