

TABLE 1. Stabilizing Agents for Biotechnology Preparations.

CLASS	AGENT	ACTION
Amino acids	Alanine Arginine Aspartic acid Glycine Glutamic acid Leucine	Serves as a solubilizer Serves as a buffer Inhibits isomerism Serves as a stabilizer Serves as a thermostabilizer Inhibits aggregation
Antioxidants	Ascorbic acid Cysteine hydrochloride Glutathione Thioglycerol Thioglycolic acid Thiosorbitol	Helps stabilize protein conformation
Chelating agents	EDTA salts	Inhibits oxidation by removing metal ions, glutamic acid, and aspartic acid
Fatty acids	Choline Ethanolamine Phosphatidyl	Serves as stabilizers
Proteins	Human serum albumin	Prevents surface adsorption; stabilizes protein conformation; serves as a complexing agent and cryoprotectant
Metal ions	Ca ⁺⁺ Ni ⁺⁺ Mg ⁺⁺ Mn ⁺⁺	Helps stabilize protein conformation
Polyhydric alcohols	Ethylene glycol Glucose Lactose Mannitol Propylene glycol Sorbitol Sucrose Trehalose	Serves as a stabilizer Strengthens conformation Serves as a stabilizer Serves as a cryoprotectant Prevents aggregation Prevents denaturation and aggregation Serves as a stabilizer Serves as a stabilizer
Polymers	Polyethylene glycol Povidone	Prevents aggregation
Surfactants	Poloxamer 407 Polysorbate 20 and polysorbate 80	Prevents denaturation and stabilizes cloudiness Retards aggregation

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