

## ExiTron™ P

# CT contrast agent for pre-clinical imaging

1 vial (5 x 100 μL injections) 5 vials (25 x 100 μL injections) # 130-095-144 # 130-095-145

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## 1. Description

Components 850 μL ExiTron<sup>TM</sup> P,

CT contrast agent

 $5 \times 850 \mu L ExiTron^{TM} P$ ,

CT contrast agent.

 $5 \times 100 \,\mu L$  injections after reconstitution Capacity

 $25 \times 100 \mu L$  injections after reconstitution.

**Product format** ExiTron P is supplied as a sterile isotonic

suspension containing 200 mg iodine per mL.

Appearance Opaque white liquid.

Store protected from light at 2-8 °C. Do not Storage

freeze. The expiration date is indicated on the

vial label.

For laboratory and animal research use only. Warning: Not for human or animal therapeutic or diagnostic use. Make sure to comply with all laws and regulations governing research on animals.

### 1.1 Background information

ExiTron P is an iodine-based contrast agent based on polymeric capsules specifically formulated for pre-clinical computed tomography (CT).

Upon intravenous injection, ExiTron P circulates in the blood stream for a prolonged time. Significant extravasation can be observed in fenestrated blood vessels of inflamed tissue or tumors. ExiTron P is excreted via glomerular filtration (kidneys) as well as through the hepatobilary pathway.

#### 1.2 Applications

ExiTron P is indicated for use in CT of small animals, for example mice, to facilitate the visualization of the vasculature. Examples include contrast-enhanced angiography.

#### 1.3 Physico-chemical properties

Mean hydrodynamic diameter: 290 nm.

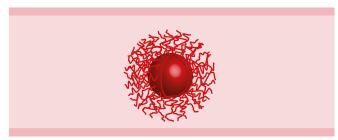


Figure 1: Schematic diagram of an ExiTron P polymeric capsule.

#### 1.4 Requirements

Sterile syringes and needles (27–30 G)

Note: To allow sufficient volume for  $5 \times 100 \,\mu\text{L}$  injections per vial, the syringe/ needle dead volume should be kept below 70 μL. Tip: Use insulin or tuberculin syringes.

- 70 % ethanol
- Sterile water for injection (WFI).

#### 2. Protocol

#### 2.1 Preparation

Read the entire protocol before starting.

Tip: For optimum device settings perform initial studies in a suitable imaging phantom.

- The contrast agent is ready for injection as provided.
- For a mouse weighing 20–30 g the typical injection volume is 100 µL corresponding to a dose of 800 mg iodine/kg body weight (for a 25 g mouse).

Note: Standard animal-handling procedures and local regulations must be followed.

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#### 2.2 Injection

- Vortex the vial to ensure thorough mixing.
- Disinfect the septum with 70% ethanol. Let septum dry.
- Warm the mouse tail to dilate the veins and enhance their visibility.
- Inject ExiTron P (typically 100 μL) via the lateral tail vein of the mouse.

**Note:** ExiTron P contains no preservatives. Avoid microbial contamination and discard any unused material after 24 hours.

#### 2.3 Imaging

- Follow the imaging protocol as recommended by the manufacturer of your imaging system.
- Taking a pre-contrast image is recommended.
- Begin imaging immediately after injection.

Find examples of ExiTron P-enhanced CT images at www.viscover.berlin.

#### 3. References

 Koziolek, E. et al. (2022) In vivo renal imaging in mice via contrast-enhanced CT using a novel polymeric contrast agent. https://www.viscover-online.de/data-gallery/ct/.

## 4. Related products

ExiTron <sup>TM</sup> U	# 130-095-142, # 130-095-143
$ExiTron^{TM} V$	# 130-095-283, # 130-095-284
ExiTron <sup>TM</sup> nano 6000	# 130-095-146, # 130-095-147
ExiTron <sup>TM</sup> nano 12000	# 130-095-698, # 130-095-700
ExiTron <sup>TM</sup> MyoC 8000	# 130-095-701, # 130-095-702
ExiTron <sup>TM</sup> ultra 18000	# 130-095-709, # 130-095-710
ExiTron <sup>TM</sup> BAT	# 130-095-707, # 130-095-708

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