

**Process for the production of N,N,N',N'-tetra-
(2-hydroxyethyl)-ethylene diamine**

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Abstract:

A process is described for the production of N,N,N',N'-tetra-(2-hydroxyethyl)-ethylene diamine in a solvent, in which ethylene diamine is reacted selectively with ethylene oxide in the absence of water in one or more saturated C₃-C₉ alcohols at a temperature from 120 to 220°C and at a pressure from 2 to 60 bar in a molar ratio of 1:4, with a high yield. The conversion is preferably carried out in isopropanol, isomeric C₇-C₉ alcohol mixtures, C₈ alcohol mixtures or C₉ alcohol mixtures at a temperature from 140 to 180°C.