

Table 2. Taurine levels in alveolar pneumocytes isolated from rats\*

Cell type	Taurine content (nmol/10 <sup>6</sup> cells)	Taurine concentration† (mM)
Alveolar macrophages	4.19 ± 0.40	4.27 ± 0.41
Alveolar type II epithelial cells	2.88 ± 0.20	14.40 ± 0.95
Alveolar type I epithelial cells	0.07 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.07

\*Means ± SE of at least three experiments using separate cell preparations. Taurine quantitated by HPLC.

†Plasma taurine concentration is 0.1 mM.