

Penicillin

Molecular structure

Product Description

Antibiotics of the penicillin class are derivatives of 6-aminopenicillanic acid consisting of a ß-lactam ring linked to a thiazolidine ring and a side chain. This nucleus is from the condensation of the amino acids L-cysteine and D-valine. The function of penicillins is to inhibit protein synthesis through activity associated with the ß-lactam ring.

The spectrum of bacteria against which penicillins are effective depends on the side chain of individual congeners. The ß-lactam blocks transpeptidation through association with the penicillin-binding proteins (PBPs). These antibiotics are analogs of the substrate, D-alanyl-D-alanine, whose bond is normally broken to form the cross-bridge glycines in transpeptidation. This analog competes for the binding of PBPs. As a result, no cross-bridges are formed and the cell wall becomes weak and eventually ruptures.

Penicillin is inactive against cells with previously made cell walls; it works only against the synthesis of new cell walls and is, as a result, bacteriocidal only to actively growing cells. It is a narrow-spectrum antibiotic against Gram-positive bacteria. Because the activity is derived from the ß-lactam ring, Staphylococcal ß-lactamase confers resistance through cleavage of the ß-lactam ring. Some of the congeners include penicillin G (benzyl penicillin), ampicillin, carbenicil- lin, and amoxicillin.

Penicillin G has narrow-spectrum activity against Gram-positive cocci, however, it is sensitive to penicillinase, making most strains of Staphylococcus aureus resistant.

Product Specification

Mode of action: Inhibitor of transpeptidation at the final stage of the reaction, thereby

preventing the formation of cross-bridges

Spectrum: - Gram (+)

Microbiological potency: >1580 I.U./mg



Conferred Resistance: β-lactamases, a change in cell wall permeability, or a change in the

penicillin-binding proteins

Molecular weight: 372.5

Formula: C16H17KN2O4S

Appearance: Liquid: Colourless

Powder: White to off-white

Working Concentration: 100 I.U./mL

Storage and Stability: Frozen:- 25°C to -15°C

Protected from light

Ordering information

Cat. No.	Description	Unit Size	Qty/Pk
30-001-CI	Penicillin-Streptomycin solution, 50x	100 mL	6
	5,000 I.U./mL Penicillin, 5,000 μg/mL Streptomycin		
30-002-CI	Penicillin-Streptomycin solution, 100x	100 mL	6
	10,000 I.U./mL Penicillin, 10,000 μg/mL Streptomycin		
30-009-CI	Penicillin-Streptomycin solution with L-Glutamine, 100x,	100 mL	6
	10,000 I.U./mL Pencillin, 10,000 μg/mL Streptomycin		
	29.2 mg/mL L-Glutamine		
30-004-CI	Antibiotic-Antimycotic solution	100 mL	6
	10,000 I.U./mL Penicillin, 10,000 μg/mL Streptomycin 25 μg/mL		
	Amphotericin with 8.5 g/L NaCl		

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