

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Bleomycin complex (as sulfate salts)

Code: **BIA-B1203**

Pack sizes: 10 mg, 50 mg

Synonyms : Blenoxane, Bleo, Blexane

Specifications

CAS # : 9041-93-4

Molecular Formula : C₅₅H₈₄N₁₇O₂₁S⁺. H₂SO₄ (based on bleomycin A₂ as the major component)

Molecular Weight : 1513.6

Source : Streptomyces sp. MST-AS4458

Appearance : Off-white solid

Purity : >99% Long Term Storage : -20°C

Solubility : Soluble in water, methanol with moderate ethanol solubility

Application Notes

Bleomycin is a complex of 11 glycopeptide antitumor antibiotics originally isolated from *Streptomyces verticillus* in 1972. The dominant components of the complex are bleomycin A_2 and B_2 and typically represent >90% of the total weight with the remainder comprising the minor analogues. Bleomycins have found clinical application in the treatment of a range of tumors. Bleomycins act by intercalation of DNA and RNA. In the presence of oxygen and metal ions, notably copper and iron, bleomycins form a pseudoenzyme that induces DNA cleavage.

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