

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Clavulanate potassium

Code: BIA-C1243

Pack sizes: 5 mg, 25 mg

Synonyms : Clavubactam potassium, BRL 14151

Specifications

CAS # : 61177-45-5 Molecular Formula : $C_8H_8NO_5K$ Molecular Weight : 237.25

Source : Streptomyces sp.

Appearance : White to off-white powder

Purity : > 98% by HPLC

Storage : -20°C

Solubility : Soluble in water, DMSO, limited methanol solubility.

Application Notes

Clavulanic acid is a beta-lactam antibiotic produced by several species of the genus *Streptomyces*. The free acid degrades and is isolated and maintained as either the sodium or potassium salt. Clavulanate is a weak antibiotic but is a potent inhibitor of beta-lactamases. In combination with penicillin and cephalosporins it shows potent synergistic activity. Clavulanic acid is a suicide inhibitor, covalently binding to a serine residue in the active site of the beta-lactamase.

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