

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Nigericin sodium

Code: **BIA-N1220**

Pack sizes: 5 mg, 25 mg

Synonyms :

Specifications

CAS # : 28643-80-3 Molecular Formula : $C_{40}H_{67}NaO_{11}$

Molecular Weight : 746.9

Source : Streptomyces hygroscopicus

Appearance : White powder

Purity : > 98%

Long Term Storage : - 20°C

Solubility : Soluble in DMSO, partially soluble in methanol and methanol, poor water

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Application Notes

Nigericin sodium is not a typical salt. Since nigericin is an ionophore its very high affinity for monovalent cations such as Na^+ and K^+ means formation of a salt is a facile possess occurring during purification under any but highly acidic conditions. Typically, the salts of polyether ionophores like the free acid are readily extracted into organic solvents. The sodium ion is stabilised within a polar pocket of the structure effectively making the salt and free acid different chemical moieties with the potential for differing pharmacology, a fact not readily appreciated in the literature.

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