Product Information



Ampicillin (sodium salt)

Item No. 14417

CAS Registry No.: 69-52-3

Formal Name: (2S,5R,6R)-6-[[(2R)-2-amino-2-

> phenylacetyl]amino]-3,3-dimethyl-7oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-

2-carboxylic acid, monosodium salt

MF: C₁₆H₁₈N₃O₄S • Na

FW: 371.4 ≥98% **Purity:**

Stability: ≥2 years at -20°C Supplied as: A crystalline solid

Laboratory Procedures

For long term storage, we suggest that ampicillin (sodium salt) be stored as supplied at -20°C. It should be stable for at least two years.

Ampicillin (sodium salt) is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the ampicillin (sodium salt) in the solvent of choice. Ampicillin (sodium salt) is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide, which should be purged with an inert gas. The solubility of ampicillin (sodium salt) in these solvents is approximately 2, 16, 20 mg/ml, respectively.

Further dilutions of the stock solution into aqueous buffers or isotonic saline should be made prior to performing biological experiments. Ensure that the residual amount of organic solvent is insignificant, since organic solvents may have physiological effects at low concentrations. Organic solvent-free aqueous solutions of ampicillin (sodium salt) can be prepared by directly dissolving the crystalline solid in aqueous buffers. The solubility of ampicillin (sodium salt) in PBS, pH 7.2, is approximately 10 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

Ampicillin is an antibacterial antibiotic from the α-aminobenzyl penicillin group, which differs from penicillin by the presence of an amino group that facilitates penetration through the outer membrane of some gram-negative bacteria. 1 Ampicillin acts by interfering directly with the biosynthesis of peptidoglycan, which constitutes the major component of the bacterial cell wall, leading to structural instability and death of bacteria. It can be used as a selective antibiotic for resistant bacteria.2

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