

## Amoxicillin: Potassium Clavulanate (2:1) PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Amoxicillin : Potassium Clavulanate (2:1)

Product Number: A054

CAS Number: Mixture

**Appearance:** Off-white or yellow powder

**Solubility:** water (300 mg/mL)

Water Content (Karl

Fischer):

≤11.0%

pH: 4.8-8.6 Storage Conditions: 2-8°C

**Description:** Amoxicillin : Potassium Clavulanate (2:1) is a combination of Amoxicillin

Trihydrate (one part) and Potassium Clavulanate (Clavulanic Acid)(two parts) which prevents the degradation of Amoxicillin by β-lactamase enzymes and

allows for greater efficacy against β-lactam resistant strains.

Amoxicillin is an extended spectrum  $\beta$ -lactam antibiotic similar in structure to Ampicillin. Resistance to Amoxicillin is due to  $\beta$ -lactamase enzymes secreted

by resistant cells.

Potassium Clavulanate (Clavulanic acid), produced by the fermentation of  $Streptomyces\ clavuligerus$ , is a  $\beta$ -lactamase inhibitor which can irreversibly

inactivate  $\beta$ -lactamase enzymes of  $\beta$ -lactam resistant microbes.

TOKU-E offers three forms of Amoxicillin:

Amoxicillin : Potassium Clavulanate (2:1) (A054)

Amoxicillin Trihydrate (A004)

• Amoxicillin Sodium (A059)

Amoxicillin: Potassium Clavulanate (2:1) is soluble in water (300 mg/ml)

**Mechanism of Action:** Like all β-lactams, Amoxicillin targets PBP's (penicillin binding proteins)

involved in the final phase of peptidoglycan synthesis. PBP's are enzymes which catalyze a pentaglycine crosslink between alanine and lysine residues. Without a pentaglycine crosslink, the integrity of the cell wall is severely

compromised ultimately leading to the death of the cell.

**Spectrum:** Amoxicillin targets a wide range of β-lactamase negative Gram-positive and

Gram-negative bacteria including E. coli and a number of *Streptococcus* and *Staphylococcus* species. Because peptidoglycan is synthesized in Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria, Amoxicillin can be used against a wide variety of microbes. Clavulanate competitively and irreversibly inhibits a wide variety of  $\beta$ -lactamases[ found in bacteria that are resistant to penicillins and

cephalosporins.

Microbiology Applications Amoxicillin is commonly used in clinical in vitro microbiological antimicrobial susceptibility tests (panels, discs, and MIC strips) against Gram-positive and Gram-negative microbial isolates. Medical microbiologists use AST results to recommend antibiotic treatment options for infected patients. Representative MIC values include:

- Neisseria gonorrhoeae 0.3 μg/mL 32 μg/mL
- Haemophilus influenzae 0.125 μg/mL >64 μg/mL
- For a complete list of amoxicillin MIC values, click here.

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