

Chlortetracycline PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Chlortetracycline

Product Number: C173

CAS Number: 57-62-5

Molecular Formula: $C_{22}H_{23}CIN_2O_8$

Molecular Weight: 478.9

Appearance: Yellow solid

Storage Conditions: -20°C

Description: Chlortetracycline was the first reported member of the tetracycline class,

isolated from Streptomyces aureofaciens in 1948. Chlortetracyclines heralded the early wave of antibiotic discoveries from microbes and after 50 years are still widely used as pharmaceuticals. Chlortetracycline is a pigment and, like most pigments, is extremely sensitive to environmental and storage conditions. Commercial chlortetracycline may contain significant levels of degradation

products.

Chlortetracycline is soluble in ethanol, methanol, DMF and DMSO.

Mechanism of Action: The mechanism of chlorotetracycline involves entering a cell and binding to the

30s ribosomal subunit preventing peptide elongation and ultimately inhibiting

protein synthesis. Resistance to chlorotetracycline can be a result of inactivation by cell enzymes or pumping the antibiotic out of the cell upon

entering.

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