

## **Chromomycin A3 PRODUCT DATA SHEET**

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Product Name: Chromomycin A3

Product Number: C152

CAS Number: 7059-24-7 Molecular Formula:  $C_{57}H_{82}O_{26}$ 

Molecular Weight: 1183.3

**Appearance:** Yellow powder

Storage Conditions: -20°C

**Description:** Chromomycin A3 is the major component of the chromomycin complex of the

aureolic acid class, isolated from several Streptomyces species, and first reported in 1960. Chromomycin A3 exhibits a broad biological profile as an antibacterial, antifungal and antitumor agent. The intense UV spectrum and

strong fluorescence makes chromomycin a useful stain for DNA.

Chromomycin A3 is soluble in ethanol, methanol, DMF and DMSO.

**Mechanism of Action:** Chromomycin A3 binds reversibly to GC-specific DNA ligand in the minor

groove which inhibits transcription, DNA gyrase and topoisomerase II activity.

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