

Product Name:	Mecillinam
Product Number:	M001
CAS Number:	32887-01-7
Molecular Formula:	C ₁₅ H ₂₃ N ₃ O ₃ S
Molecular Weight:	325.43
Form:	Powder
Appearance:	White or off-white crystalline powder
Solubility:	sparingly soluble in aqueous solution (0.98 mg/ml)
Source:	Semi-synthetic
Water Content (Karl Fischer):	≤1.0%
pH:	4.0-6.2
Storage Conditions:	2-8°C
Description:	Mecillinam is a broad-spectrum β-lactam antibiotic in the penicillin class, specifically an amidinopenicillin. This compound was described in 1972 by Lund and Tybring. It is effective against Gram-negative bacteria. Mecillinam is sparingly soluble in aqueous solution.
Mechanism of Action:	β-lactams interfere with penicillin binding protein (PBP) activity involved in the final phase of peptidoglycan synthesis. PBP's catalyze a pentaglycine crosslink between alanine and lysine residues providing additional strength to the cell wall. Without a pentaglycine crosslink, the integrity of the cell wall is severely compromised and ultimately leads to cell lysis and death. Resistance to β-lactams is commonly due to cells containing plasmid encoded β-lactamases.
Spectrum:	Mecillinam targets primarily Gram-negative bacteria involved in urinary tract infections. It has minimal activity against Gram-positive organisms.
Microbiology Applications	<p>Mecillinam is commonly used in clinical <i>in vitro</i> microbiological antimicrobial susceptibility tests (panels, discs, and MIC strips) against Gram-negative microbial isolates. Medical microbiologists use AST results to recommend antibiotic treatment options .</p> <p>Representative MIC values include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Escherichia coli</i> 8 µg/mL • For a complete list of Mecillinam MIC values, click here.

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