

## 5-Fluorouracil PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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**Product Name:** 5-Fluorouracil

Product Number: F034

**CAS Number:** 51-21-8

Molecular Formula:  $C_4H_3FN_2O_2$ 

Molecular Weight: 130.08

**Description:** 5-Fluorouracil is a growth inhibitor. The metabolites of 5-fluorouracil use

multiple targets to slow DNA and RNA processing and therefore cell growth. It was initially found to inhibit plant cell growth. However, it was later found to inhibit human cell growth and is now used to both treat pre-cancerous skin

lesions and as a chemotherapy drug for a wide aray of cancers.

5-Fluorouracil is sparingly soluable in water, and slightly soluble in alcohol.

This product is considered a dangerous good. Quantities above 1 g may be subject to additional shipping fees. Please contact us for specific questions.

**Mechanism of Action:** *In vivo* 5-Fluorouracil is converted into active metabolites that target multiple

parts of DNA and RNA synthesis including replacement of uracil and depletion

of thymidine triphosphate (TTP)

References: Bayomi, S. M., & Al-Badr, A. A. (1990). Analytical Profile of 5-Fluorouracil.

Analytical Profiles of Drug Substances, 599-639. doi:10.1016/s0099-

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