

## Metformin hydrochloride PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Metformin hydrochloride

Product Number: M087

**CAS Number:** 1115-70-4

**Molecular Formula:**  $C_4H_{11}N_5 \cdot HCI$ 

Molecular Weight: 165.62

**Description:** Metformin is a common first line antidiabetic drug, and the only FDA approved

member of the biguanide drug class. More recently it has drawn attention from the cancer research sector. Several clinical trials for the use of metformin in the

treatment of cancer have been performed.

Metformin hydrochloride is freely soluble in water, and slightly soluble in

alcohol.

Mechanism of Action: Researchers have not yet decided on the precise anti-cancer mechanism of

action for Metformin.

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