

Cephapirin benzathine PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Cephapirin benzathine

Product Number: C217

CAS Number: 97468-37-6

Molecular Formula: $C_{34}H_{34}N_6O_{12}S_4 \cdot C_{16}H_{20}N_2$

Molecular Weight: 1087.27

Description: Cephapirin is a first-generation cephalosporin that boasts broad spectrum

activity against gram-positive and gram-negative organisms. It is more

resistance to beta-lactamases than the penicillin family. It is commonly used in

the veterinary field.

Cephapirin benzathine is practically insoluble in water, ether, and toluene.

Mechanism of Action: Like β-lactams, cephalosporins interfere with PBP (penicillin binding protein)

activity involved in the final phase of peptidoglycan synthesis. PBP's are enzymes which 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.

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