

## Norfloxacin PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Norfloxacin

Product Number: N008

**CAS Number:** 70458-96-7

Molecular Formula:  $C_{16}H_{18}FN_3O_3$ 

Molecular Weight: 319.33

Form: Powder

**Appearance:** White to light-yellow crystalline powder

220-221°C

**Solubility:** Acetone: 5.1 mg/mL

Chloroform: 5.5 mg/mL

Glacial acetic acid: Freely soluble

Water: 0.28 mg/mL

Acids and bases: Soluble at pH <5 and >10

Source: Synthetic

Storage Conditions: 2-8°C

**Melting Point:** 

**Description:** Norfloxacin is a first generation synthetic fluoroquinolone antibiotic and is

sparingly soluble in aqueous solution at 1mg/mL.

**Mechanism of Action:** Norfloxacin indirectly inhibits DNA gyrase by binding to nearby DNA substrate.

DNA gyrase is an essential DNA replication enzyme which reduces DNA strain during active DNA replication. Norfloxacin is most active in the pH range

between 4.5 and 6.5.

**Spectrum:** Norfloxacin is a broad spectrum antibiotic commonly used to target bacteria

responsible for urinary tract infections.

Microbiology Applications Norfloxacin is commonly used in clinical in vitro microbiological antimicrobial

susceptibility tests (panels, discs, and MIC strips) against gram positive and gram negative microbial isolates. Medical microbiologists use AST results to recommend antibiotic treatment options for infected patients. Representative

MIC values include:

Escherichia coli 0.25 μg/mL – 10 μg/mL

• For a complete list of norfloxacin MIC values, click here.

Clostridium difficile Agar - CDMN Selective Supplement

## **Media Supplements**

Norfloxacin can be used as a selective agent in several types of isolation media:

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