

Pipemidic acid PRODUCT DATA SHEET

issue date 01/06/2020

Product Name: Pipemidic acid

Product Number: P009

CAS Number: 51940-44-4 Molecular Formula: $C_{14}H_{17}N_5O_3$

Molecular Weight: 303.32 g/mol

Form: Powder

Appearance: Yellowish-white, odorless, bitter-tasting crystals

Solubility: Acids and Bases: Soluble

Alcohols: Very slightly soluble Water: Very slightly soluble

Source: Synthetic

Melting Point: 251-255 °C

Storage Conditions: 2-8 °C, protect from light

Description: Pipemidic acid is a pyridopyrimidine antibiotic similar in structure and

mechanism to quinolone antibiotics. Pipemidic acid is slightly soluble in

aqueous solution.

Mechanism of Action: Pipemidic acid targets bacterial DNA gyrase, an enzyme which reduces DNA

strain during replication. Because DNA gyrase is required during DNA

replication, subsequent DNA synthesis and ultimately cell division is inhibited.

Spectrum: Pipemidic acid is a broad spectrum antibiotic covering a wide range of

susceptible bacteria.

Microbiology Applications Pipemidic acid 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 1.56 μg/mL

Staphylococcus aureus 6.25 μg/mL

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

References: Katae, Hiromi, and Akira Minami. "Pipemidic Acid, a New Antibacterial Agent

Active Against Pseudomonas Aeruginosa: In Vitro Properties." *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy* 8.32 (1975): 132-38. *www.ncbi.gov.* 24 Mar. 1975.

Web. 21 Aug. 2012.