

Fusidic acid sodium PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Fusidic acid sodium

Product Number: F005

CAS Number: 751-94-0

Molecular Formula: $C_{31}H_{47}O_6Na$

Molecular Weight: 538.69
Form: Powder

Appearance: White to off-White powder

Water Content (Karl

Fischer):

≤2.0%

Storage Conditions: 2-8°C

Description: Fusidic acid is a bacteriostatic steroid antibiotic which targets protein

synthesis in Gram-positive bacteria. Fusidic acid sodium is highly soluble in

water (50 mg/mL).

Mechanism of Action: Fusidic acid inhibits protein synthesis by preventing translocation by inhibiting

ribosomal elongation factor G.

Spectrum: Fusidic acid sodium targets Gram-positive bacteria namely those which cause

skin infections.

Microbiology Applications Fusidic acid sodium is commonly used in clinical in vitro microbiological

antimicrobial susceptibility tests (panels, discs, and MIC strips) against gram positive microbial isolates. Medical microbiologists use AST results to

recommend antibiotic treatment options for infected patients. Representative

MIC values include:

Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) 0.12 μg/mL -

1.0 μg/mL

Streptococcus epidermidis 0.25 μg/mL

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

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