

<b>Product Name:</b>	Amoxicillin Trihydrate
<b>Product Number:</b>	A004
<b>CAS Number:</b>	61336-70-7
<b>Molecular Formula:</b>	$C_{16}H_{19}N_3O_5S \cdot 3H_2O$
<b>Molecular Weight:</b>	419.45
<b>Form:</b>	Powder
<b>Appearance:</b>	White or almost white crystalline powder
<b>Solubility:</b>	Benzene: Insoluble Carbon tetrachloride: Insoluble Chloroform: Insoluble Methanol: Slightly soluble Water: Slightly soluble
<b>Source:</b>	Semi-synthetic
<b>Water Content (Karl Fischer):</b>	11.5%-14.5%
<b>pH:</b>	3.5 - 6.0
<b>Storage Conditions:</b>	2-8°C
<b>Description:</b>	Amoxicillin is an extended spectrum $\beta$ -lactam antibiotic similar in structure to Ampicillin. Resistance to Amoxicillin can be attributed to $\beta$ -lactamase enzymes secreted by resistant cells.

TOKU-E offers three forms of Amoxicillin:

- Amoxicillin Trihydrate (A004)
- Amoxicillin Sodium (A059)
- Amoxicillin : Potassium Clavulanate (2:1) (A054)

Amoxicillin Trihydrate is effective against a variety of Gram-negative and Gram-positive bacteria. The compound is slightly soluble in water.

**Mechanism of Action:** Like all  $\beta$ -lactams, amoxicillin targets PBP's (penicillin binding proteins) involved in the final phase of peptidoglycan synthesis. PBP's are enzymes which catalyze a pentaglycine crosslink between alanine and lysine residues. Without a pentaglycine crosslink, the integrity of the cell wall is severely compromised ultimately leading to the death of the cell.

**Spectrum:** Amoxicillin targets a wide range of  $\beta$ -lactamase negative Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria including *E. coli* and a number of *Streptococcus* and *Staphylococcus* species. Interestingly, amoxicillin has been found to be effective against certain  $\beta$ -lactam sensitive VRE or vancomycin resistant *Enterococcus*; a glycopeptide antibiotic resistant "superbug."

**Microbiology Applications** Amoxicillin 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:

- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* 0.3  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  - 32  $\mu\text{g/mL}$
- *Haemophilus influenzae* 0.125  $\mu\text{g/mL}$  – >64  $\mu\text{g/mL}$
- For a complete list of Amoxicillin MIC values, [click here](#).

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