

Tyrothricin PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Tyrothricin

Product Number: T043

CAS Number: 1404-88-2

Molecular Formula: $C_{65}H_{85}N_{11}O_{13}$

Molecular Weight: 1228.44
Form: Powder

Appearance: White or almost white powder

Storage Conditions: 2-8°C

Description: Tyrothricin is a large cyclic polypeptide antibiotic isolated from *Brevibacillus*

brevis. Tyrothricin is composed of a mixture of tyrocidins and gramicidins

which have antimicrobial activity against Gram-positive bacteria.

Mechanism of Action: Tyrothricin targets and inserts into the gram positive membrane where it

disrupts normal permeability leading to cell death. Tyrothricin is typically used

topically as it would be too toxic to use systemically.

Spectrum: Tyrothricin is effective against Gram positive bacteria and shows little to no

effect against Gram negative bacteria.

References: Farmer, S. W., and et al. "Gramicidin S Is Active against Both Gram-positive

and Gram-negative Bacteria." International Journal of Peptide and Protein

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