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Product Information

Gentamicin solution

Hybri-Max⁰

Product Number **G1522**

Storage Temperature 2-8 °C

Product Description

CAS Number: 1405-41-0 (gentamicin sulfate salt)

Molecular Formula¹:

Gentamicin C₁: C₂₁H₄₃N₅O₇

Gentamicin C₂: C₂₀H₄₁N₅O₇

Gentamicin C_{1a}: C₁₉H₃₉N₅O₇

Molecular Weight (free base)¹:

Gentamicin C₁ = 477.6

Gentamicin C₂ = 463.6

Gentamicin C_{1a} = 449.5

Synonyms: Gentamycin, Garamycin, Gentiomycin C

This product is Hybri-Max[®] grade. It is sterile-filtered and formulated to contain 50 mg/ml gentamicin in tissue culture grade water. This product is hybridoma tested and is appropriate for use in hybridoma applications.

Gentamicin is an aminoglycoside antibiotic complex produced by fermentation of *Micromonospora purpurea* or *M. echinospora*.¹ It is a mixture of 3 major components designated as C₁, C_{1a}, and C₂. The ratio of the three major components by HPLC analysis are:

C₁: < 45%

C_{1a}: < 35%

C₂: < 30%

Gentamicin is used as the sulfate salt. Each component consists of five basic nitrogens and requires five equivalents of sulfuric acid per mole of gentamicin base.²

Gentamicin sulfate is a broad spectrum antibiotic. It inhibits the growth of a wide variety of Gram-positive and Gram-negative microorganisms, including strains resistant to tetracycline, chloramphenicol, kanamycin, and colistin, particularly strains of *Pseudomonas*, *Proteus*, *Staphylococcus*, and *Streptococcus*.^{3,4}

Gentamicin sulfate inhibits bacterial protein biosynthesis by binding to the 30S subunit of the ribosome.^{4,5}

Precautions and Disclaimer

For Laboratory Use Only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

Preparation Instructions

This product is recommended for use in cell culture applications at a volume of 1 ml per liter. Gentamicin is stable at 37° C for 5 days.

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