

Acriflavine Hydrochloride PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Acriflavine Hydrochloride

Product Number: A019

CAS Number: 8063-24-9

Molecular Formula: $C_{13}H_{11}N_3$ and $C_{14}H_{14}N_3$ •HCl

Molecular Weight: 209.172 and 260.75

Form: Powder

Appearance: Brown or orange powder

Storage Conditions: 2-8 °C

Description: Acriflavine HCl is a type of dye commonly used as a topical antiseptic for skin

infections. Acriflavine is freely soluble in aqueous solution.

This product is considered a dangerous good. Quantities above 1 g may be subject to additional shipping fees. Please contact us for specific questions.

Mechanism of Action: Acriflavine toxicity arises from its ability to bind to and intercalate DNA. DNA

intercalation leads to numerous errors which have a lethal effect on targeted

organisms.

Microbiology Applications Acriflavine has been used in RNA fluorescent labeling applications by RNA

hydrolysis using HCl.

Cancer Applications Acriflavine has been shown to inhibit HIF-1, a heterodimeric transcription

factor which responds to hypoxia and facilitates further cancer progress. Acriflavine prevents dimerization of HIF-1 to prevent its role in cancer growth.

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