

Clavulanate Lithium PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Clavulanate Lithium

Product Number: C064

CAS Number: 61177-44-4 Molecular Formula: $C_8H_8LiNO_5$

Molecular Weight: 205.09

Appearance: White to light-yellow powder **Source:** Streptomyces clavuligerus

Description: Clavulanate Lithium (syn: Clavulanic Acid Lithium) is a stable salt preparation

of Clavulanic, a natural, low-molecular weight β -lactam antibiotic. It has weak,

broad-spectrum activity but offers synergistic antibacterial activity with

penicillins and cephalosporins for greater efficacy against β -lactam resistant

strains.

We also offer:

• Clavulanate Potassium (C232)

Clavulanic Acid Potassium w/ cellulose (1:1) (C065)

Mechanism of Action: Clavulanate is a potent suicide inhibitor of β -lactamases. It forms a covalent

bond with a serine residue in the enzyme's active site. Inhibition is time-dependent and irreversible. Clavulanic acid β-lactam antibiotics bind and inhibit PBPs (penicillin binding protein) thus inhibiting bacterial cell wall

synthesis.

Spectrum: Weak broad-spectrum activity.

Microbiology Applications Clavulanic acid had poor activity against S. aureus, Enterobacteriaceae, and

P. aeruginosa. However, it can act synergistically with penicillins and cephalosporins to inhibit β -lactamase-producing *S. aureus* and

Enterobacteriaceae.

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