

## Perfloxacin mesylate dihydrate PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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**Product Name:** Pefloxacin mesylate dihydrate

Product Number: P004

**CAS Number:** 149676-40-4

**Molecular Formula:**  $C_{17}H_{20}FN_3O_3 \cdot CH_4O_3S \cdot 2H_2O$ 

Molecular Weight: 465.49

Form: Powder

Appearance: Cream colored powder

Solubility: Water: Freely soluble

Source: Synthetic
pH: 3.5-4.5
Melting Point: 271°C
Storage Conditions: 2-8°C

**Description:** Pefloxacin Mesylate Dihydrate is a broad-spectrum, synthetic, third-generation

fluoroquinolone antibiotic. Perfloxacin, an analog of Norfloxacin, was

discovered in 1979. Pefloxacin, like other fluoroquinolones, inhibit bacterial DNA gyrase and Topoisomerase IV, which disrupts bacterial cell division. Novel derivatives of Pefloxacin were found to have anti-cancer properties.

Pefloxacin mesylate dihydrate is freely soluble in aqueous solution.

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**Mechanism of Action:** Fluoroquinolone antibiotics like Pefloxacin target bacterial DNA gyrase, a type

II topoisomerase enzyme which reduces DNA strain during replication. Because DNA gyrase is required during DNA replication, subsequent DNA synthesis and ultimately cell division is inhibited. This enzyme is the primary

target for Gram-negative bacteria.

Pefloxacin inhibits topoisomerase IV, the primary target for Gram-positive bacteria. Since this enzyme is required to separate replicated DNA, the inhibition results in strand breakage of the bacterial chromosome, which

ultimately inhibits DNA replication and transcription.

**Spectrum:** Pefloxacin is a broad spectrum antibiotic which targets a wide range of Gram-

positive and Gram-negative organisms including a few *Mycoplasma* species

such as M. bovis, M. tuberculosis, and M. africanum.

Microbiology Applications Pefloxacin is commonly used in clinical in vitro microbiological antimicrobial susceptibility tests (panels, discs, and MIC strips) against Gram-positive, Gram-negative, and Mycoplasma microbial isolates. Medical microbiologists use AST results to recommend antibiotic treatment options for infected patients. Representative MIC values include:

- Helicobacter pylori 1 μg/mL 8 μg/mL
- Mycoplasma bovis 8 µg/mL
- For a representative list of Pefloxacin MIC values, click here.

## **Cancer Applications**

The in vitro effect of Pefloxacin on growth of normal hematopoietic progenitor stem cells and on leukemic cell lines was investigated. It was found to have a dose-dependent inhibition of colony formation both from normal bone marrow cells and from the leukemic line K-562 cells and HL-60 cells when used at ≥ 25 µg/ml (Somekh et al, 1989).

An evaluation of Pefloxacin derivatives and their biological activity was screened against human Pc-3 cancer cell lines and the compounds demonstrated anti-cancer properties (Allaka et al, 2016).

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