

Patulin BioChemica

from Penicillium expansum **Product No. A7910**

Description

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} Formula: & $C_7H_6O_4$ \\ Molecular weight: & 154.12 g/mol \\ CAS-No.: & $149-29-1$ \\ Assay (HPLC): & $\sim 98 \text{ \%}$ \\ Melting point: & $105-111^\circ\text{C}$ \\ \end{tabular}$

Storage & Stability: -20°C, protected from light. Stored frozen, Patulin is stable for

at least two years.

Solubility (10 mg/ml DMSO): clear, colorless

Comment

Patulin is a cytostatic, antibacterial mycotoxin derived from the metabolites of a number of fungi (*Aspergillus ssp.*, *Penicillium spp.*, *Gymnoascus spp.*). It is commonly found in rotting apples. A number of studies have shown that it is genotoxic, and, it has been found to be carcinogenic in rats (2; 3). Due to its toxicity Patulin is not suitable for use in humans, even if it has a wide antibiotic activity (1; 4).

Mode of action: Patulin inhibits the potassium uptake and activates the p38 kinase. It induces ion flux across cell membranes, potentially involving Na+-K+ dependent ATPase. It also induces intra- and intermolecular protein crosslinking.

Patulin is used e.g., to study patulin contamination of bottled wine (5), DNA-damaging activity of patulin in *Escherichia coli* (6), and characterization of CYP619 cytochrome P450s involved in patulin biosynthesis (7).

Solubility: Patulin is soluble in water, DMSO, ethyl acetate (~50 mg/ml), methanol and ethanol. It is unstable in alkaline conditions resulting in a loss of its biological activity (1). Also polar solvents like water or methanol might its stability.

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