# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## **Norfloxacin**

Item No. 25975

CAS Registry No.: 70458-96-7

Formal Name: 1-ethyl-6-fluoro-1,4-dihydro-

4-oxo-7-(1-piperazinyl)-

3-quinolinecarboxylic acid

MF:  $C_{16}H_{18}FN_3O_3$ 319.3 FW:

≥98% **Purity:** 

UV/Vis.:  $\lambda_{max}$ : 226, 285 nm Supplied as: A crystalline solid

Storage: Stability: ≥4 years

Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.

## **Laboratory Procedures**

Norfloxacin is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the norfloxacin in the solvent of choice. Norfloxacin is soluble in organic solvents such as DMSO and dimethyl formamide, which should be purged with an inert gas. The solubility of norfloxacin in these solvents is approximately 2 and 5 mg/ml, respectively.

Further dilutions of the stock solution into aqueous buffers or isotonic saline should be made prior to performing biological experiments. Ensure that the residual amount of organic solvent is insignificant, since organic solvents may have physiological effects at low concentrations. Organic solvent-free aqueous solutions of norfloxacin can be prepared by directly dissolving the crystalline solid in aqueous buffers. The solubility of norfloxacin in PBS, pH 7.2, is approximately 0.5 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

#### Description

Norfloxacin is a fluoroquinolone antibiotic that inhibits the growth of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria (MICs = 4 and 1 µg/ml for S. aureus and P. aeruginosa, respectively).1 It also inhibits the growth S. pseudintermedius, S. aureus, E. coli, Pasturella, and S. canis isolates from dogs (mean MIC<sub>50</sub>s = 0.25, 1, 0.03, 1, and 1 µg/ml, respectively).<sup>2</sup> Topical administration of norfloxacin (0.1% v/v) reduces corneal ulcer size in a rabbit model of P. aeruginosa corneal infection. It also prevents encrusted cystitis in bladder and increases survival in a rat model of Corynebacterium group D2 infection when administered at a dose of 80 mg/kg per day.<sup>3</sup> Formulations containing norfloxacin have been used to treat urinary tract and gynecological infections.

#### References

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WARNING
THIS PRODUCT IS FOR RESEARCH ONLY - NOT FOR HUMAN OR VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

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