# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## Chlorhexidine (acetate hydrate)

Item No. 26924

CAS Registry No.: 206986-79-0

Formal Name: N,N"-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-3,12-diimino-

2,4,11,13-tetraazatetradecanediimidamide,

diacetate, hydrate

Synonym:

MF:  $C_{22}H_{30}Cl_2N_{10} \bullet 2C_2H_4O_2 [XH_2O]$ 

FW: 625.6 **Purity:** UV/Vis.:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ : 261 nm Supplied as: A crystalline solid

-20°C Storage: Stability: ≥4 years

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

## **Laboratory Procedures**

Chlorhexidine (acetate hydrate) is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the chlorhexidine (acetate hydrate) in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. Chlorhexidine (acetate hydrate) is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of chlorhexidine (acetate hydrate) in ethanol is approximately 10 mg/ml and approximately 15 mg/ml in DMSO and DMF.

Chlorhexidine (acetate hydrate) is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, chlorhexidine (acetate hydrate) should first be dissolved in DMSO and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. Chlorhexidine (acetate hydrate) has a solubility of approximately 0.33 mg/ml in a 1:2 solution of DMSO:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

#### Description

Chlorhexidine is a bis(biguanide) antimicrobial disinfectant and antiseptic agent.<sup>1</sup> It inhibits growth of clinical methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) isolates (MIC<sub>90</sub> = 4  $\mu$ g/ml).<sup>2</sup> It is also active against canine isolates of MRSA, methicillin-susceptible *S. aureus* (MSSA), methicillin-resistant *S. pseudintermedius* (MRSP), and methicillin-susceptible S. pseudintermedius (MSSP;  $MIC_{90}s = 4, 2, 2, and 1 mg/L$ , respectively).<sup>3</sup> Chlorhexidine inhibits growth of E. faecium strains (MICs = 1.2-19.6 μg/ml) and C. albicans (MIC = 5.15 µg/ml).<sup>4,5</sup> It generates cations that bind to and destabilize the bacterial cell wall to induce death.6 Chlorhexidine also completely inhibits matrix metalloproteinase-2 (MMP-2) and MMP-9 when used at concentrations of 0.0001 and 0.002%, respectively, in a gelatin degradation assay.<sup>7</sup> Formulations containing chlorhexidine have been used in antiseptic wound dressings, mouthwash, and toothpaste.

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

This material should be considered hazardous until further information becomes available. Do not ingest, inhale, get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Before use, the user must review the complete Safety Data Sheet, which has been sent via email to your institution.

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