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Tetracycline hydrochloride

Synonym	Achromycine hydrochloride
Melting point	215 - 220°C
Formula	$C_{22}H_{24}N_2O_8\cdot HCl$
Μ	480.90 g/mol
CAS-No.:	64-75-5
HS-No.:	29413000
EC-No.:	200-593-8
Storage:	RT
	protected from light
LGK:	10 - 13
Specification	
Assay (titr.)	min. 95 %
α20°C/D; 1%, 0.01 M HCl	-239° bis -250°
pH (1 %; H ₂ O)	2.0 - 3.0
Sulfated ash	max. 0.5 %
Loss on drying	max. 2 %

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Comment

Tetracycline was prepared first syntheticaly from chlorotetracycline, later it was isolated from *Streptomyces viridifaciens*. Tetracycline is active against gram positive and gram negative cocci and bacteria. The introduction of the tetracycline-controlled gene expression system brought a new application for the antibiotic molecular biology (2-4).

Stability: Tetracycline hydrochloride is stable if stored in a dry place and protected from light. It is water-soluble with approx. 11 mg/ml at 28°C. The stability in solutions is optimal at pH 3 - 5.2 (shelf life approx. 6 - 12 days). It may be stored between -20°C and 37°C. Since Tetracyclin is light-sensitive, solutions and agar plates containing TC should be protected from light. The recommended working concentration is 10 - 50 µg/ml, the stock solution e.g. 1.25 mg/ml. Magnesium ions antagonize with the activity of TC.

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