

## Product Information

### Oxolinic acid

Product Number **O 0877**

Storage Temperature 2-8 °C

#### Product Description

Molecular Formula: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>

Molecular Weight: 261.2

CAS Number: 14698-29-4

Melting Point: 314-316 °C (with decomposition)<sup>1</sup>

Synonyms: 5-ethyl-5,8-dihydro-8-oxo-1,3-dioxolo [4,5-g]quinoline-7-carboxylic acid; 1-ethyl-1,4-dihydro-6,7-methylenedioxy-4-oxo-3-quinolinecarboxylic acid; 1-ethyl-6,7-methylenedioxy-4-quinoline-3-carboxylic acid

Oxolinic acid is a quinoline compound that has antibacterial properties similar to nalidixic acid, which is particularly active against *Enterobacteriaceae*.<sup>1,2</sup>

Oxolinic acid is an inhibitor of DNA gyrases, including DNA topoisomerases.<sup>3-6</sup> A study of the binding of oxolinic acid to DNA polynucleotides has been reported.<sup>7</sup>

A report has investigated the *in vitro* activity of oxolinic acid against *Vibrio anguillarum* isolated from diseased cod and the *in vivo* pharmacokinetics of oxolinic acid in the cod *Gadus morhua* L.<sup>8</sup> A study of the activity of oxolinic acid and other antibacterial compounds against bacteria in sewage sludge has been reported.<sup>9</sup>

Several HPLC methods have been described for the detection of oxolinic acid in chicken tissues and in marine organisms.<sup>10-12</sup>

#### Precautions and Disclaimer

For Laboratory Use Only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

#### Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in 0.5 M NaOH (50 mg/ml), with heat as needed, yielding a clear, colorless solution.

Stock solutions may also be prepared in 0.05 M NaOH.<sup>6</sup> This product is not soluble in DMSO or dimethylformamide.

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