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# **Product Information**

## Pyocyanin, Ready Made Solution from Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Catalog Number **R9532** Storage Temperature –20 °C

CAS RN 85-66-5

Synonyms: Sanasin, Sanazin, Pyocyanine

## **Product Description**

Molecular weight: 210.23 Molecular formula: C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O

Purity: ≥98% (HPLC)

Pyocyanin is a blue-green pigment, which belongs to the Phenazine family. It is an electron acceptor, which stimulates redox cycling in bacteria, liver cells, and human epithelial cell lines.<sup>1,2</sup> Pyocyanin enhances oxidative metabolism, which increases the formation of intracellular reactive oxygen species (ROS) via reduction of NADPH.<sup>1,3,4</sup>

Pyocyanin also increases the release of the neutrophil chemoattractant interleukin-8 (IL-8) by airway epithelial cells both in vitro and in vivo. This involves signal transduction pathways that include oxidants, protein tyrosin kinases, and MAP-kinases. IL-8 secretion by these cells is in synergy with inflammatory cytokines. 1,4,5 Pyocyanin has been shown to accelerate neutrophil apoptosis in vitro. Mice infected with a pyocyanin-deficient strain of P. aeruginosa showed elevated levels of neutrophils, and neutrophil chemokines and cytokines, as well as compromised bacterial clearance from the lungs compared with mice infected with a wild type strain. This suggests that pyocyanin production by P. aeruginosa suppresses the acute inflammatory response by pathogen-driven acceleration of neutrophil apoptosis and by reducing local inflammation, and that this is advantageous for bacterial survival.6

## Components

The product is supplied as a 5 mg/mL (24 mM) solution in DMSO.

#### **Precautions and Disclaimer**

For R&D use only. Not for drug, household, or other uses.

#### Storage/Stability

Store the product sealed at –20 °C. Under these conditions the product is stable for at least 2 years.

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