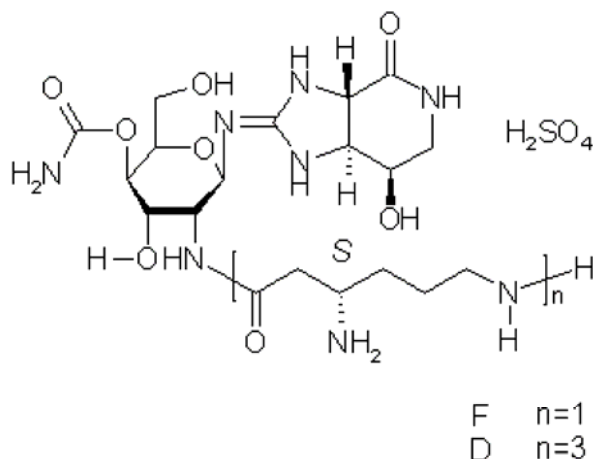


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Nourseothricin sulfate BioChemika

Chemical name: [3aS-[2(R*), 3a α , 7a β]]-2-[[4-O-(Aminocarbonyl)-2-deoxy-2-[(3,6-diamino-1-oxo-hexyl)-amino]- β -D-gulopyranosyl]amino]-3,3a,5,6,7,7a-hexahydro-7-hydroxy-4H-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridine-4-one dihydrogensulfate

Form: Dihydrogensulfate of the weakly basic antibiotic Nourseothricin consisting of the components Streptothricin F and D

Structure:



Characteristics and use: In 1993, Nourseothricin has been introduced as a selection agent for molecular genetic research work. [1].

Nourseothricin is produced in cultures of a strain of *Streptomyces noursei*. [2]
 Characteristic for Nourseothricin are the high stability of its crystalline salts (10 years at 4°C, 2 years at 20°C), its very good solubility in water, its relatively low oral toxicity (mice and other animals, no resorption in the gastrointestinal tract) and its wide range of antibiotic effects against gram-negative and gram-positive bacteria as well as against mycobacteria, mycoplasmas, protozoa, certain DNA and RNA viruses and plants. The inhibition of the growth processes of yeasts and fungi is weaker. Nevertheless Nourseothricin sulphate is exceptionally suitable for the selection of recombinant yeast strains. [3].

The mechanism of action of Nourseothricin is comparable to that of other aminoglycoside antibiotics: Specific partial steps of protein synthesis are inhibited and miscoding is induced by the antibiotic. The development of resistance is based on monoacetylation of β -amino groups of the β -lysyl moiety of the Streptothricin molecules.

Nourseothricin sulphate is not used for therapeutic purposes. There is no cross resistance with drugs used in human and veterinary medicine. It is therefore very suitable as selection antibiotic in systems using resistance genes *nat*, *sat*, *stat* since resistance dominants, being able to cause nosocomial infections with medical relevant organisms, are not selected.

The plasmids pHN15 or pYL16, respectively, and Nourseothricin sulphate may be used as a selection system for microbial applications and for modern plant cultivation. The plasmids pHN15 and pYL16 contain the resistance genes *nat 1* from *Streptomyces noursei*. The corresponding resistance genes *sat1*, *sat2*, *sat3* originate from *Escherichia coli*, *stat* from *Streptomyces lavendulae*, encoding a Nourseothricin N-acetyltransferase.

The resistance genes are available as markers for heterologous expressions.

Nourseothricin may be used in fermentations of recombinant clones to maintain the permanent propagation of vectors carrying one of the resistance genes. [1, 2]

Solubility and storage of solutions:

By dissolving 1000 mg Nourseothricine in 5 ml distilled water (material is not sterile filtered!) a stock solution of 200 mg/ml is yielded. The stock solution may be stored at +4°C for up to 4 weeks without detectable loss in activity. For longer storage of the solution up to 6 months, freezing at -20°C or lower is required.

Application notes [2]:

Working solutions for use in molecular genetic applications are prepared by dilution of the stock solution with distilled water. Prior to use or even earlier, a sterile filtration is required. Recommended suitable Nourseothricin sulphate concentrations in nutrient media:

<i>Escherichia coli</i>	50 µg/ml
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	100 µg/ml
<i>Ustilago maydis</i>	75 µg/ml
<i>Leishmania</i> sp	>100 µg/ml
<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>	100 µg/ml
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	100 µg/ml

Safety

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

For safe handling kindly refer to our MSDS.

An addition of sodium hydroxide solution (pH > 12) inactivates Nourseothricin sulphate within 3 hours by chemical degradation. [2]

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