

## Ampicillin (sodium salt) #GAB03.0005

(for research only)

**Product:** Ampicillin is a bactericidal agent that acts by inhibition of transpeptidase,

which is required for cell wall synthesis, and as such functions as a broad-spectrum antibiotic, effective against Gram(+) and Gram(-) bacteria. This semi-synthetic derivate from Penicillin, like Penicillin, can be inactivated by ß-lactamase, which hydrolyzes the ß-lactam ring. Therefore, ampicillin is frequently used for the selection of bacteria transformed with a vector harbouring the gene encoding ß-lactamase (*bla*), which turns them resistant,

from untransformed cells.

**Quantity:** 5g

**Appearance:** White, slightly beige powder.

**Storage:** 2°C – 8°C for at least 1 years, at -20°C at least 3 years

**Prepare a stock solution of 4-50mg/ml in ultrapure water or 50% ethanol, and** 

filter sterilize. Do not autoclave. Store stock solution at +4°C for several weeks

or at -20°C for up to 6 months.

**Usage:** The stability of ampicillin depends on temperature, pH and medium

components. For incorporation in agar plates, add ampicillin to a final concentration of 20-100µg/ml (depending on, among other factors, type of vector (low-copy vs high-copy number plasmid) by adding to autoclaved media agar, just prior to pouring the plates, or to broth after cooling down to room temperature. At 37°C, ampicillin in culture medium, is stable only for a few (2-3) days. In addition, buffer and pH can affect stability as well. Whereas Tris degrades ampicillin at pH 7 and not at pH 5, citrate, to the contrary, can

be used at pH 7 and not at pH 5.

**Specifications:** 

Formula: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SNa

MW: 371,4 g/mol

Purity: >90% (on dry basis)

Water content: <2% (Karl Fischer)

Solubility (H<sub>2</sub>O): 50mg/ml

## ORDERING INFORMATION – Molecular Cloning – Common Reagents

Reference #	Product Name	Quantity
GAB01.0005	IPTG (max 5 ppm dioxane)	5 g
GAB02.0005	X-Gal	5 g
GAB03.0005	Ampicillin (sodium salt)	5 g
GAB04.0005	Kanamycin (sulphate)	5 g
GAB05.0005	Chloramphenicol	5 g
GAB06.0005	Carbenicillin (disodium salt)	5 g
GAB07.0005	Tetracycline (hydrochloride)	5 g
GAB08.0005	Gentamycin powder	5 g

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