

Product Name: Nitrocefin Revision Date: 05/10/2025

Product Data Sheet

Nitrocefin

Cat. No.: B6052

CAS No.: 41906-86-9

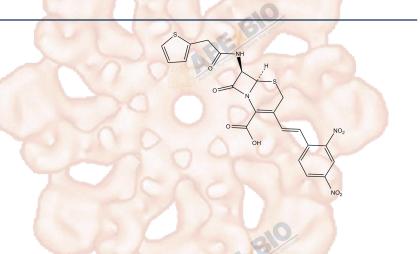
Formula: C21H16N4O8S2

M.Wt: 516.50

Synonyms:

Target: β -lactamasePathway:Fluorescent Dyes

Storage: Store at -20° C



Solvent & Solubility

insoluble in EtOH; insoluble in H2O; ≥20.24 mg/mL in DMSO

In Vitro

Preparing Stock Solutions	Solvent Concentration	1mg	5mg	10mg
	1 mM	1.9361 mL	9.6805 mL	19.3611 mL
	5 mM	0.3872 mL	1.9361 mL	3.8722 mL
	10 mM	0.1936 mL	0.9681 mL	1.9361 mL

Please refer to the solubility information to select the appropriate solvent.

Biological Activity

Shortsummary

Nitrocefin (CAS 41906-86-9) is a chromogenic cephalosporin substrate commonly employed in biochemical assays to detect β -lactamase enzymatic activity. β -lactamases, enzymes prevalent in microbial species, catalyze the hydrolysis of β -lactam antibiotics such as penicillins and cephalosporins, causing antibiotic resistance. Upon cleavage by β -lactamase enzymes, nitrocefin undergoes a measurable colorimetric shift from yellow to red, enabling visual or spectrophotometric detection in the range of approximately 380 – 500 nm. Nitrocefin prominently serves in microbiological and clinical research to evaluate resistance profiles of bacterial isolates and in assays for inhibitor activity toward β -lactamases. Its reported IC50 varies depending on β -lactamase type, concentration, and assay conditions, with typical values ranging from approximately 0.5 to 25 μ M.

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	Cell Viability Assay	
In Vitro	Cell Line:	E. coli
	Preparation method:	Isogenic E. coli strains were grown to log phase at an OD600 of ~0.5 in
	.0	CAMHB supplemented with 10 µg/mL chloramphenicol. Cells from 1 mL
	APE BIO	culture were harvested by centrifugation. The cell pellet was freeze-thawed,
	R Carlotte Colored	resuspended in 100 µL BugBuster HT Protein Extraction Reagent, and
	Activide Park	incubated at room temperature for 15 min with shaking, followed by
		centrifugation at 21,100 $ imes$ g for 20 min. The supernatant (cell lysate) was
		taken and used in the Bradford assay to measure the protein concentration
		and in the $\;\beta$ -lactamase activity assay. In the $\;\beta$ -lactamase activity assay
		(total reaction volume: 150 $\mu L),$ cell lysate (5 $\mu L)$ was incubated with 100 μM
		nitrocefin in 1 $ imes$ phosphate-buffered saline (pH 7.4) containing 0.1 mg/mL
	.0	bovine serum albumin (BSA), and absorbance at 486 nm was measured for 30
	A PELBIO	min. β -Lactamase-specific activity (nanomoles of nitrocefin hydrolyzed per
	P Latter Edward	minute per milligram of protein) was determined using the nitrocefin extinction
	Addition of the state of the st	coefficient of 17,400 M^-1cm^-1
	Reacting conditions:	5 µL cell lysate (E. coli at an OD600 of ~0.5), 100 µM nitrocefin in 1 $ imes$
		phosphate-buffered saline (pH 7.4, 0.1 mg/mL bovine serum albumin (BSA),
		measured for 30 min at 486 nm
	Applications:	The β -lactamase activity of the lysate from E. coli cells overproducing
		wild-type PenI was 600-fold more active than that from cells overproducing the
		C69Y variant, consistent with the biochemical data using the purified proteins.
In Vivo	Animal experiment	
	Applications:	
	Other notes:	The technical data provided above is for reference only. The reagent is
		basically applied in Nitrocefin $ \beta$ -lactamase assay for bacteria.

Product Citations

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References

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Caution

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NOT FOR HUMAN, VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

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