

## Tyrothricin

<b>Cat. No.:</b>	HY-120435		
<b>CAS No.:</b>	1404-88-2		
<b>Target:</b>	Bacterial; Fungal; Influenza Virus; Antibiotic		
<b>Pathway:</b>	Anti-infection		
<b>Storage:</b>	Powder	-20°C	3 years
	In solvent	-80°C	6 months
		-20°C	1 month

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### BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

<b>Description</b>	<p>Tyrothricin is a polypeptide antibiotic mixture isolated from <i>Bacillus brevis</i> and consists of tyrocidines and gramicidins. Tyrothricin shows activity against bacteria, fungi and some viruses. Tyrothricin containing formulations are used in sore throat agents and in agents for the healing of infected superficial and small-area wounds<sup>[1]</sup>.</p>
<b>In Vitro</b>	<p>Tyrothricin is a mixture of polypeptides, consisting of 50%-70% tyrocidines and 25%-50% gramicidins. The group of tyrocidines is basic, cyclic peptides, whereas the fraction of gramicidins is neutral, linear peptides. Besides physiological and essential L-amino acids, the components of Tyrothricin also contain D-amino acids<sup>[1]</sup>.</p> <p>Tyrothricin is produced by the gram-positive aerobic sporeforming bacterium <i>Bacillus brevis</i> (Strain ATCC 8185) during its sporulation phase via the nonribosomal pathway<sup>[1]</sup>.</p> <p>The efficacy spectrum of Tyrothricin mainly covers gram-positive but also several gram-negative bacteria. <i>Corynebacteria</i> and <i>staphylococci</i> show a broader range of Tyrothricin concentrations for inhibition (2-256 µg/mL). In contrast to the gramicidin fraction alone, Tyrothricin is able to inhibit all <i>Staphylococcus</i> strains at a maximum concentration of 128 µg/mL. Among the gram-negative organisms, gonococci and meningococci were the most sensitive germs (96 µg/mL)<sup>[1]</sup>.</p> <p>Tyrothricin exerts fungicidal effects on a variety of <i>Candida</i> species. Tyrothricin shows an anti-infectious activity against parainfluenza virus (type Sendai)<sup>[1]</sup>.</p> <p>MCE has not independently confirmed the accuracy of these methods. They are for reference only.</p>
<b>In Vivo</b>	<p>In animal models using HSV type 1, a pre-incubation of the virus suspension with Tyrothricin could significantly decrease the lethality in mice. The effect could only be shown after a direct contact between Tyrothricin and the virus<sup>[1]</sup>.</p> <p>Nevertheless disruption of the integrity of eukaryotic membranes is observed at higher Tyrothricin concentrations in vitro. This effect is exemplified as hemolytic activity of Tyrothricin in in vitro studies and when applied to animals i.v.. In contrast to an intravenous (LD<sub>50</sub> mouse: 3,7 mg/kg) and an intraperitoneal (LD<sub>50</sub> mouse: 20-45 mg/kg) application the oral application is very well tolerated, as Tyrothricin is destroyed in the gastro-intestinal tract<sup>[1]</sup>.</p> <p>MCE has not independently confirmed the accuracy of these methods. They are for reference only.</p>

### REFERENCES

[1]. Lang C, et al. Tyrothricin--An underrated agent for the treatment of bacterial skin infections and superficial wounds? *Pharmazie*. 2016 Jun;71(6):299-305.

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