

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Code No.: BIA-C1688

Pack sizes: 1 mg, 5 mg

Synonyms : 3'-Deoxyadenosine; 9-Cordyceposidoadenosine; Adenine coryceposide; Cordycepine; NSC

401022; NSC 63984

## Specifications

Cordycepin

CAS # : 73-03-0 Molecular Formula :  $C_{10}H_{13}N_5O_3$  Molecular Weight : 251.2

Source : Cordyceps sp.

Appearance : White to off-white solid

Purity : >95% by HPLC

Long Term Storage : -20°C

Solubility : Soluble in ethanol, methanol, DMF or DMSO.

## **Application Notes**

Cordycepin is a nucleoside metabolite first isolated by Cunningham in 1951 as an antibacterial from Cordyceps militaris, an ascomycete that parasitises soil dwelling caterpillars. Cordycepin was subsequently proven to be a simple analogue of adenosine, 3'-deoxyadenosine. Cordycepin is a potent antitumor active. Its production, chemistry, biosynthesis and bioactivity were reviewed by Suhadolink in 1970. More recently, natural medicinal preparations of C. militaris have found wide appeal and sparked re-investigation into cordycepin's effects on abnormal gut dwelling bacteria.

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