



SAFETY DATA SHEET

1. Identification

Product identifier	Acyclovir
Other means of identification	
Catalog number	1012065
CAS number	59277-89-3
Synonyms	Aciclovir
Chemical name	9-[(2-Hydroxyethoxy)methyl]guanine
Recommended use	Specified quality tests and assay use only.
Recommended restrictions	Not for use as a drug. Not for administration to humans or animals.

Manufacturer/Importer/Supplier/Distributor information

Manufacturer

Company name	U. S. Pharmacopeia	
Address	12601 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville MD 20852-1790 United States	
Telephone	RS Technical Services	301-816-8129
Website	www.usp.org	
E-mail	RSTECH@usp.org	
Emergency phone number	CHEMTREC within US & Canada	1-800-424-9300
	CHEMTREC outside US & Canada	+1 703-527-3887

2. Hazard(s) identification

Physical hazards	Not classified.
Health hazards	Not classified.
Environmental hazards	Not classified.
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.

Label elements

Hazard symbol	None.
Signal word	None.
Hazard statement	Not available.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Not available.
Response	Not available.
Storage	Not available.
Disposal	Not available.

Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC) This product is supplied in a small quantity which does not constitute a combustible dust hazard. The physical properties of this material indicate that in large quantities accumulated dust may be hazardous.

Supplemental information Pharmacologically active material.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Acyclovir	Aciclovir	59277-89-3	100

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Rinse with water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. Get medical attention if symptoms occur.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure may cause physiological effects.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Treatment of overdose may include the following: Provide adequate hydration to prevent precipitation of acyclovir in the renal tubules. Administer activated charcoal as a slurry. Monitor for abnormal renal function, elevated hepatic enzymes, and significant CNS symptoms. Hemodialysis may aid in the removal of acyclovir from the blood. Peritoneal dialysis is not effective in providing acyclovir clearance.
General information	Remove from exposure. Remove contaminated clothing. For treatment advice, seek guidance from an occupational health physician or other licensed health-care provider familiar with workplace chemical exposures. In the United States, the national poison control center phone number is 1-800-222-1222. If person is not breathing, give artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen if available. Persons developing serious hypersensitivity (anaphylactic) reactions must receive immediate medical attention.

5. Fire-fighting measures

Suitable extinguishing media	Water. Foam. Dry chemical or CO2. Use fire-extinguishing media appropriate for surrounding materials.
Unsuitable extinguishing media	None known.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	Explosion hazard: Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.
Special protective equipment and precautions for firefighters	Wear suitable protective equipment.
Fire fighting equipment/instructions	Use water spray to cool unopened containers. As with all fires, evacuate personnel to a safe area. Firefighters should use self-contained breathing equipment and protective clothing.
Specific methods	Use standard firefighting procedures and consider the hazards of other involved materials.
General fire hazards	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.

6. Accidental release measures

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures	Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration. Keep unnecessary personnel away. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Ensure adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS. Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Clean surface thoroughly to remove residual contamination. For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS.
Environmental precautions	Avoid discharge into drains, water courses or onto the ground.

7. Handling and storage

Precautions for safe handling	As a general rule, when handling USP Reference Standards, avoid all contact and inhalation of dust, mists, and/or vapors associated with the material. Clean equipment and work surfaces with suitable detergent or solvent after use. After removing gloves, wash hands and other exposed skin thoroughly. Avoid significant deposits of material, especially on horizontal surfaces, which may become airborne and form combustible dust clouds and may contribute to secondary explosions. Combustible dust clouds may be created where operations produce fine material (dust). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.
Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities	Store in tight container as defined in the USP-NF. This material should be handled and stored per label instructions to ensure product integrity.

8. Exposure controls/personal protection

Occupational exposure limits

Exposure limit values

Industrial Use

Material

Type

Value

Acyclovir (CAS 59277-89-3)

TWA

5000
micrograms/m3

Biological limit values

No biological exposure limits noted for the ingredient(s).

Appropriate engineering controls

For laboratory operations, use local exhaust ventilation or a ventilated enclosure for high energy operations such as particle sizing. Control exposures to below the occupational exposure level (if available). Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of exposure potential. Cover all containers for solutions and slurries while being transferred.

Individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment

Eye/face protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face. An emergency eye wash station should be available.

Skin protection

Hand protection

Wear nitrile or other impervious gloves if skin contact is possible. When the material is dissolved or suspended in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent.

Other

Train employees in proper gowning and degowning practices. Wear lab coat. Base the choice of skin protection on the job activity, potential for skin contact and solvents and reagents in use. Do not wear protective garments in common areas (e.g., cafeterias) or out-of-doors.

Respiratory protection

Respirators are generally not required for laboratory operations. Use a tight-fitting full-face respirator with HEPA filters for spill cleanup. Choose respiratory protection appropriate to the task and the level of existing engineering controls.

Thermal hazards

Wear appropriate thermal protective clothing, when necessary.

General hygiene considerations

Handling practices in this SDS are recommendations for laboratory use of reference standards. Procedures for any other uses or quantities should be determined after an appropriate assessment.

9. Physical and chemical properties

Appearance

Appearance descriptions are general information and not specific to any USP lot.

Physical state

Solid.

Form

Powder.

Color

White.

Odor

Not available.

Odor threshold

Not available.

pH

Not available.

Melting point/freezing point

492.8 - 494.6 °F (256 - 257 °C) (decomposes)

Initial boiling point and boiling range

Not available.

Flash point

Not available.

Evaporation rate

Not available.

Flammability (solid, gas)

Not available.

Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits

Flammability limit - lower (%)

Not available.

Flammability limit - upper (%)

Not available.

Explosive limit - lower (%)

Not available.

Explosive limit - upper (%)

Not available.

Vapor pressure

< 0.0000001 kPa at 25 °C

Vapor density

Not available.

Relative density

Not available.

Solubility(ies)	
Solubility (water)	Slightly soluble.
Solubility (other)	Alcohol: Insoluble. Dilute mineral acids: Soluble. Dimethylsulfoxide: Soluble.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	-1.56
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Chemical family	Synthetic acyclic purine nucleoside analogue.
Dust explosion properties	
Kst	136 bar.m/s
Minimum ignition energy (MIE) - dust cloud	200 - 300 mJ
Molecular formula	C8-H11-N5-O3
Molecular weight	225.2
Potential for dust explosion	Ignition of dust cloud produces a weak explosion.

10. Stability and reactivity

Reactivity	The product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport.
Chemical stability	Material is stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use.
Conditions to avoid	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Strong oxidizing agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	NOx. Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions.

11. Toxicological information

Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Skin contact	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Eye contact	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Ingestion	Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.
Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics	Gastrointestinal disturbances. Lightheadedness. Mental status changes. Headache. Skin rash. Decreased urination. Agitation. Trembling. Hallucinations. Seizures.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Product	Species	Test Results
Acyclovir (CAS 59277-89-3)		
Inhalation		
LC50	Rat	> 15.1 mg/l
Oral		
LD50	Mouse	> 10 g/kg
	Rat	> 20 g/kg

Skin corrosion/irritation Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Local effects

Eye irritation
Result: Negative.
Species: Rabbit
Skin irritation
Result: Negative.
Species: Rabbit

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Skin sensitization Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Sensitization
Result: Non-sensitizing.
Species: Guinea pig
Organ: Skin.

Germ cell mutagenicity Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

Mutagenicity

Dominant lethal test
Result: Negative.
Species: Mouse
Mutagenicity, Chinese hamster cells
Result: Clastogenic.
Mutagenicity, Chinese hamster ovary cell assays
Result: Negative.
Mutagenicity, Human lymphocyte cytogenic analysis
Result: Positive.
Mutagenicity, Microbial assays
Result: Negative.

Carcinogenicity Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

50 - 450 mg/kg Carcinogenicity
Result: Negative.
Species: Mouse
50 - 450 mg/kg Carcinogenicity
Result: Negative.
Species: Rat

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

Acyclovir (CAS 59277-89-3) 3 Not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)

Not regulated.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Reproductivity

450 mg/kg/day Reproductivity
Result: No increase in birth defects in offspring; did not impair fertility.
Species: Mouse
50 mg/kg/day Reproductivity
Result: No increase in birth defects in offspring.
Species: Rabbit
50 mg/kg/day Reproductivity
Result: No increase in birth defects in offspring.
Species: Rat
50 mg/kg/day Reproductivity
Result: Significant decrease in implantation efficiency, but no decrease in litter size.
Species: Rabbit

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Aspiration hazard Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Further information Pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure may cause physiological effects.

12. Ecological information

Ecotoxicity The product is not classified as environmentally hazardous. However, this does not exclude the possibility that large or frequent spills can have a harmful or damaging effect on the environment.
Persistence and degradability No data is available on the degradability of this substance.
Bioaccumulative potential
Octanol/water partition coefficient log Kow
-1.56
Mobility in soil No data available.
Other adverse effects No other adverse environmental effects (e.g. ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disruption, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

13. Disposal considerations

Disposal instructions Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Under RCRA, it is the responsibility of the user of the product to determine, at the time of disposal, whether the product meets RCRA criteria for hazardous waste.
Local disposal regulations Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations.
Hazardous waste code The waste code should be assigned in discussion between the user, the producer and the waste disposal company.
Waste from residues / unused products Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner (see: Disposal instructions).
Contaminated packaging Since emptied containers may retain product residue, follow label warnings even after container is emptied.

14. Transport information

DOT

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA

Not regulated as dangerous goods.

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code Not applicable.

General information It is the shipper's responsibility to determine the correct transport classification at the time of shipment.

15. Regulatory information

US federal regulations This product is not known to be a "Hazardous Chemical" as defined by the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, 29 CFR 1910.1200.

TSCA Section 12(b) Export Notification (40 CFR 707, Subpt. D)

Not regulated.

CERCLA Hazardous Substance List (40 CFR 302.4)

Not listed.

SARA 304 Emergency release notification

Not regulated.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1052)

Not regulated.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance

Not listed.

SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical Yes

Classified hazard categories Combustible dust

SARA 313 (TRI reporting)

Not regulated.

Other federal regulations

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) List

Not regulated.

Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 112(r) Accidental Release Prevention (40 CFR 68.130)

Not regulated.

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Not regulated.

US state regulations

California Proposition 65

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 2016 (Proposition 65): This material is not known to contain any chemicals currently listed as carcinogens or reproductive toxins. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

International Inventories

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
Australia	Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS)	Yes
Canada	Domestic Substances List (DSL)	Yes
Canada	Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL)	No
China	Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC)	Yes
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	Yes
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	Yes
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
Taiwan	Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory (TCSI)	Yes
United States & Puerto Rico	Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory	No

*A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

A "No" indicates that one or more components of the product are not listed or exempt from listing on the inventory administered by the governing country(s).

16. Other information, including date of preparation or last revision

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Further information Refer to NFPA 654, Standard for the Prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions from the Manufacturing, Processing, and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids, for safe handling.

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