

1. Identification

Product identifier	Zidovudine	
Other means of identification		
Catalog number	1724500	
CAS number	30516-87-1	
Synonyms	Azidothymidine * AZT	
Chemical name	Thymidine, 3'-azido-3'-deoxy-	
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	Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2A
	Germ cell mutagenicity	Category 2
	Carcinogenicity	Category 2
	Reproductive toxicity	Category 2
	Specific target organ toxicity, repeated exposure	Category 2 (bone marrow, liver)
Environmental hazards	Not classified.	
OSHA defined hazards	Not classified.	
Label elements		



Signal word	Warning
Hazard statement	Causes serious eye irritation. Suspected of causing genetic defects. Suspected of causing cancer. Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child. May cause damage to organs (bone marrow, liver) through prolonged or repeated exposure.
Precautionary statement	
Prevention	Obtain special instructions before use. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood. Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
Response	If in eyes: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists: Get medical advice/attention. If exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
Storage	Store locked up.
Disposal	Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Hazard(s) not otherwise classified (HNOC)	None known.
Supplemental information	Potent pharmacologically active material.

3. Composition/information on ingredients

Substance

Chemical name	Common name and synonyms	CAS number	%
Zidovudine	Azidothymidine AZT	30516-87-1	100

4. First-aid measures

Inhalation	If breathing is difficult, remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.
Skin contact	Rinse skin with water/shower. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Eye contact	Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Rinse mouth. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, call a poison control center immediately.
Most important symptoms/effects, acute and delayed	Severe eye irritation. Bone marrow suppression. Potent pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure to small amounts may cause physiological effects.
Indication of immediate medical attention and special treatment needed	Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically. Treatment of antiviral nucleoside overdose may include the following: Administer activated charcoal as a slurry. For seizures, administer intravenous diazepam or lorazepam. If seizures recur, consider phenobarbital. Monitor for hypotension, dysrhythmias, respiratory depression, and need for endotracheal intubation. Evaluate for hypoglycemia, electrolyte disturbances, and hypoxia. For severe metabolic acidosis, correct with intravenous sodium bicarbonate. Riboflavin (oral or intravenous) and L-carnitine have also been used to treat patients with severe lactic acidosis associated with nucleoside analogs. (Meditext)
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	No unusual fire or explosion hazards noted.
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	Keep unnecessary personnel away. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Avoid inhalation of dust from the spilled material. Do not touch damaged containers or spilled material unless wearing appropriate protective clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. For personal protection, see section 8 of the SDS.
Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up	For waste disposal, see section 13 of the SDS. 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.
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. Select and use containment devices and personal protective equipment based on a risk assessment of material potency and exposure potential.
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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

Zidovudine (CAS
30516-87-1)

TWA

350 micrograms/m3

Biological limit values

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

Appropriate engineering controls

No open handling. For laboratory operations, use approved ventilation or containment system (biological safety cabinet, ventilated balance enclosure, glovebox). 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

Consider double gloves. 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 disposable lab coat, disposable sleeve covers and two pair of gloves as appropriate for the task. 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

Use a powered air-purifying respirator (PAPR) with HEPA filters, disposable outerware and head cover 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

Pharmacological effects may be seen with occupational exposure. 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

Crystalline solid.

Color

White. Light yellow.

Odor

Odorless.

Odor threshold

Not available.

pH

Not available.

Melting point/freezing point

248 - 255.2 °F (120 - 124 °C)

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)	Sparingly soluble.
Solubility (other)	Ethanol: Soluble.
Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water)	0.05
Auto-ignition temperature	Not available.
Decomposition temperature	Not available.
Viscosity	Not available.
Other information	
Chemical family	Organic azide (nucleoside compound).
Molecular formula	C10-H13-N5-O4
Molecular weight	267.24 g/mol

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	Contact with incompatible materials.
Incompatible materials	Oxidizing agents.
Hazardous decomposition products	Irritating and/or toxic fumes or gases. Emits toxic fumes under fire conditions. NOx.

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	Causes serious eye irritation.
Ingestion	Based on information from therapeutic use, this material may cause: Bone marrow suppression.
Symptoms related to the physical, chemical, and toxicological characteristics	Gastrointestinal disturbances. Headache. Muscle pain. Sore throat. Skin discoloration. Irregular breathing. Weakness. Loss of appetite. Trouble sleeping. Bleeding or bruising. Incoordination. Uncontrolled eye movements.

Information on toxicological effects

Acute toxicity

Product	Species	Test Results
Zidovudine (CAS 30516-87-1)		
Oral		
LD50	Mouse	3062 mg/kg
	Rat	3084 mg/kg

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

Serious eye damage/eye irritation Causes serious eye irritation.

Local effects

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

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Respiratory sensitization Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Skin sensitization Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Germ cell mutagenicity Suspected of causing genetic defects. Knowledge about mutagenicity is incomplete.

Mutagenicity

Ames test
Result: Negative.

Mutagenicity

Chromosome aberration
Result: Positive.
Species: Human
Organ: Lymphocytes.
Micronucleus assay
Result: Positive.
Mouse lymphoma assay
Result: Positive.

Carcinogenicity

Suspected of causing cancer.

120 mg/kg/day Carcinogenicity, Malignant and benign vaginal squamous cell tumors occurred in females.

Species: Mouse

20 mg/kg/day Carcinogenicity, An increased incidence of vaginal tumors occurred in offspring when both mother and offspring were administered doses.

Species: Mouse

25 mg/kg Carcinogenicity, An increased incidence of tumors of the lung, liver, and female reproductive tract occurred.

Species: Mouse

IARC Monographs. Overall Evaluation of Carcinogenicity

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2B Possibly carcinogenic to humans.

OSHA Specifically Regulated Substances (29 CFR 1910.1001-1050)

Not regulated.

US. National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report on Carcinogens

Not listed.

Reproductive toxicity

Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.

Reproductivity

0.25 mg/l Reproductivity, Increased incidence of fetal resorption.

Species: Mouse

150 mg/kg/day Reproductivity, Increased incidence of fetal resorption.

Species: Rat

450 mg/kg/day Reproductivity, No adverse effects on fertility when administered orally. At 600 mg/kg/day, there was no evidence of an increase in birth defects. At 3000 mg/kg/day, maternal toxicity and an increased incidence of fetal malformations occurred.

Species: Rat

Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

May cause damage to organs (bone marrow, liver) through prolonged or repeated exposure.

Aspiration hazard

Knowledge about health hazard is incomplete.

Further information

Potent pharmacologically active material. Occupational exposure to small amounts 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 product.

Bioaccumulative potential

Octanol/water partition coefficient log Kow

0.05

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 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 1910.1001-1050)	Not regulated.
Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)	
Hazard categories	Immediate Hazard - Yes Delayed Hazard - Yes Fire Hazard - No Pressure Hazard - No Reactivity Hazard - No
SARA 302 Extremely hazardous substance	Not listed.
SARA 311/312 Hazardous chemical	Yes
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	WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.
US - California Proposition 65 - CRT: Listed date/Carcinogenic substance	
Zidovudine (CAS 30516-87-1)	Listed: December 18, 2009

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)	No
Europe	European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances (EINECS)	No
Europe	European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS)	No
Japan	Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS)	No
Korea	Existing Chemicals List (ECL)	No

Country(s) or region	Inventory name	On inventory (yes/no)*
New Zealand	New Zealand Inventory	Yes
Philippines	Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS)	No
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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