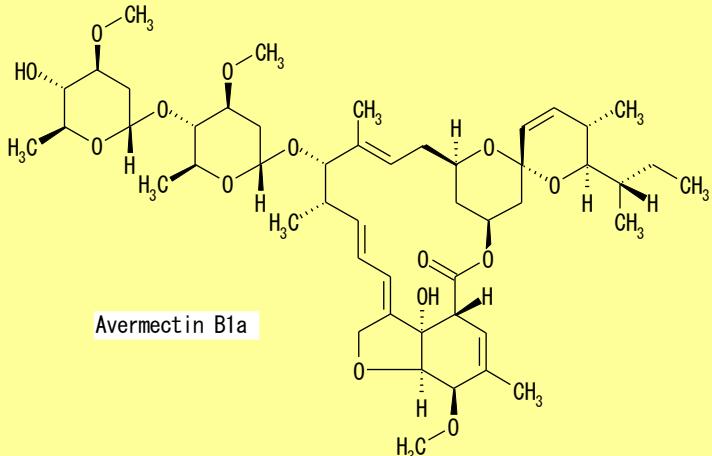


Structure

Origin: *Streptomyces avermitilis* MA-4680

CAS Registry Number: 65195-55-3

CA Index Name: 5-O-Demethyl-Avermectin A1a

Appearance: white powder

Molecular Formula/ Weight: C₄₈H₇₂O₁₄=873.08

Melting Point: 153-155°C **Purity:**>98% by HPLC

Solubility: Sol. in Chloroform, Acetone, MeOH
Inso. in water

pKa:

log P:

Background Information:

Avermectins were co-discovered from The Kitasato Institute, *Streptomyces avermectinii* with Merck Sharp and Dohme in 1979¹⁾.

Avermectins are an unusual 16-membered macrolide, and shows very strong anthelmintic activity. Avermectins are a family of four closely-related major components, A1a, A2a, B1a and B2a, and four minor components, A1b, A2b, B1b and B2b, which are lower homologs of the corresponding major components. Among them, avermectin B1a shows the highest activity²⁾. The first total synthesis of avermectin A1a was achieved by Danishefsky et al³⁾.

Avermectins interact with glutamate-gated chloride channel in nerve and muscle cells only in nematodes, and insects and ticks⁴⁾(scheme 1).

Handling and Storage:

Store at -20°C.

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