



# Protamine sulfate

## IDENTIFICATION

### Name

Protamine sulfate

### Accession Number

DB09141

### Type

Biotech

### Groups

Approved

### Biologic Classification

Protein Based Therapies  
Blood factors

### Description

Protamine sulfate is a drug that reverses the anticoagulant effects of heparin by binding to it. It was originally isolated from the sperm of salmon and other species of fish but is now produced primarily through recombinant biotechnology. Protamine sulfate was approved for medical use in the United States in 1969. Protamine sulfate (protamine (protamines) s) occurs as fine white or off-white amorphous or crystalline powder. It is sparingly soluble in water. The pH is between 6 and 7. The cationic hydrogenated protamine at a pH of 6.8 to 7.1 reacts with anionic heparin at a pH of 5.0 to 7.5 to form an inactive complex.

### Protein chemical formula

Not Available

### Protein average weight

Not Available

### Sequences

Not Available



Not Available

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<b>Protamine Sulfate Inj 10mg/ml USP</b>	Liquid	10 mg	Intravenous	Lyphomed, Division Of Fujisawa Canada Inc.	1989-12-31	1996-09-10			
<b>Protamine Sulfate Injection USP</b>	Solution	10 mg	Intravenous	Sandoz Canada Incorporated	1998-03-03	Not applicable			
<b>Protamine Sulfate Injection USP</b>	Liquid	10 mg	Intravenous	Omega Laboratories Ltd	2000-01-26	Not applicable			
<b>Protamine Sulfate Injection, USP</b>	Solution	10 mg	Intravenous	Fresenius Kabi	1989-12-31	Not applicable			

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<b>Protamine Sulfate</b>	Injection, solution	10 mg/mL	Intravenous	Cardinal Health	2000-10-18	Not applicable			
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**Categories**[Amino Acids, Peptides, and Proteins](#)

[Coagulation](#)[Hematologic Agents](#)[Heparin Antagonists](#)[Heparin Reversal Agent](#)[Nuclear Proteins](#)[Nucleoproteins](#)[Proteins](#)**UNII**[0DE9724IHC](#)**CAS number**

9009-65-8

**PHARMACOLOGY****Indication**

Protamine sulfate is usually administered to reverse the large dose of heparin administered during certain surgeries, especially heart surgery.

**Structured Indications** [i](#)[Heparin overdose](#)**Pharmacodynamics**

Protamine sulphate 1% demonstrates activity neutralising anticoagulant properties of heparin, creating the complex heparin/protamine. Activity of protamine (towards heparin) takes place within five minutes after intravenous injection of the preparation.

**Mechanism of action**

It is a highly cationic peptide that binds to either heparin or low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) to form a stable ion pair, which does not have anticoagulant activity. The ionic complex is then removed and broken down by the reticuloendothelial system. In large doses, protamine sulfate may also have an independent—however weak—anticoagulant effect.

**Absorption**

After IV administration, protamine sulfate takes less than 5 min. to neutralize heparin.

**Volume of distribution**

**Protein binding**

Not Available

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**Metabolism**

Metabolic fate of the protamine-heparin complex has not been elucidated; however, protamine-heparin complex may be partially metabolized or attacked by fibrinolysin, freeing heparin.

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**Route of elimination**

The mechanism of elimination/excretion has not been discovered yet.

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**Half life**

Without heparin in healthy individuals: Median 7.4 minutes. With heparin: Median 4.5 minutes.

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**Clearance**

Clearance is: 2.2 L/min

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**Toxicity**

Administration of protamine sulfate intravenously could result in severe drop in blood pressure, dyspnea, bradycardia, pulmonary hypertension and anaphylaxis. Systemic hypertension, nausea, vomiting and lassitude were also reported. Overdosage of this drug may theoretically result in hemorrhage.

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**Affected organisms**

Not Available

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**Pathways**

Not Available

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**Pharmacogenomic Effects/ADRs** ⓘ

Not Available

**INTERACTIONS****Drug Interactions** ⓘ

Not Available

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**Food Interactions**

Not Available



## General References



1. Product info [\[Link\]](#)
2. product info [\[Link\]](#)

## External Links

KEGG Drug

[D02224](#)

PubChem Substance

[347910415](#)

Wikipedia

[Protamine\\_sulfate](#)

## AHFS Codes

20:28.08 — Antiheparin Agents

## CLINICAL TRIALS

### Clinical Trials [i](#)

PHASE	↕	STATUS	↕	PURPOSE	↕	CONDITIONS	↕	COUNT	↕
4		Recruiting		Prevention		<a href="#">Aortic Valve Stenosis</a>		1	
4		Recruiting		Treatment		<a href="#">Catheter Ablation / Nonvalvular Atrial Fibrillation</a>		1	

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## PHARMACOECONOMICS

### Manufacturers

Not Available

### Packagers

Not Available



FORM	↕	ROUTE	↕	STRENGTH	↕
Injection, solution		Intravenous		10 mg/mL	
Liquid		Intravenous		10 mg	
Solution		Intravenous		10 mg	

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**Prices**

Not Available

**Patents**

Not Available

## PROPERTIES

**State**

Solid

**Experimental Properties**

Not Available

## TAXONOMY

**Description**

Not Available

**Kingdom**

Organic Compounds

**Super Class**

Organic Acids

**Class**

Carboxylic Acids and Derivatives

**Sub Class**

**Direct Parent**

Peptides

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**Alternative Parents**

Not Available

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**Substituents**

Not Available

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**Molecular Framework**

Not Available

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**External Descriptors**

Not Available

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