Standard Operating Procedure

**4-Aminopyridine**

*This is an SOP template and is not complete until: 1) lab specific information is entered into the box below 2) lab specific protocol/procedure is added to the protocol/procedure section and
3) SOP has been signed and dated by the PI and relevant lab personnel.*

 Print a copy and insert into your
*Laboratory Safety Manual* and *Chemical Hygiene Plan*.
Refer to instructions for assistance.

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| **Date SOP was written:** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Date SOP was approved by PI/lab supervisor:** | Click here to enter a date. |
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| *(Name and Phone Number)* |
| **Location(s) covered by this SOP:** | Click here to enter text. |
| *(Building/Room Number)* |

**Type of SOP:** [ ]  Process [x] Hazardous Chemical [x]  Hazardous Class

**Purpose**

4-Aminopyridine (4-AP) is a highly acute toxin. In the laboratory, 4-Aminopyridine is a useful pharmacological tool in studying potassium conductance in physiology and biophysics. It is also a useful building block in organic synthesis.

**Physical & Chemical Properties/Definition of Chemical Group**

CAS#: 504-24-5

Class: **Acute toxin**

Molecular Formula: C5H6N2

Form (physical state): Solid, crystalline/powder

Color: Beige

Boiling point: 273 °C

**Potential Hazards/Toxicity**

**OSHA Hazards**

Target Organ Effect, Highly toxic by ingestion, Irritant

**Potential Health Effects**

**Inhalation** May be harmful if inhaled. Causes respiratory tract irritation.

**Skin** May be harmful, fatal if absorbed through skin. Causes skin irritation.

**Eyes** Causes eye irritation.

**Ingestion** May be fatal if swallowed.

**Acute Toxicity:** LD50 Oral - rat - 21 mg/kg

**Main routes of exposure**

4-Aminopyridine may be inhaled or ingested.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

**Respirator Protection**

A ½ or full face respirator equipped with appropriate cartridges should be used any time there is the potential for exposure to vapor and/or dust and a fume hood cannot be used.

Respirators should be used only under any of the following circumstances:

* As a last line of defense (i.e., after engineering and administrative controls have been exhausted).
* When Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) has exceeded or when there is a possibility that PEL will be exceeded.
* Regulations require the use of a respirator.
* An employer requires the use of a respirator.
* There is potential for harmful exposure due to an atmospheric contaminant (in the absence of PEL)
* As PPE in the event of a chemical spill clean-up process

Lab personnel intending to use/wear a respirator mask must be trained and fit-tested by ORS and should contact occhealt@uga.edu. This is a UGA requirement described in more detail in the [UGA Respiratory Protection Plan](https://esd.uga.edu/sites/default/files/respiratoryprotection.pdf) and supported by the [Office of Research Occupational Health and Safety Program](https://research.uga.edu/ohsp/).

**Hand Protection**

Type of gloves recommended for 4-Aminopyridine: **Nitrile**

NOTE: Consult with your preferred glove manufacturer to ensure that the gloves you plan on using are compatible with 4-Aminopyridine

Refer to glove selection chart from the links below:

<http://www.ansellpro.com/download/Ansell_8thEditionChemicalResistanceGuide.pdf>

OR

<http://www.allsafetyproducts.biz/page/74172>

OR

<http://www.showabestglove.com/site/default.aspx>

OR

<http://www.mapaglove.com/>

**Eye Protection**

ANSI approved safety glasses.

**Skin and Body Protection**

Lab coats should be worn. These laboratory coats must be appropriately sized for the individual and be buttoned to their full length. Laboratory coat sleeves must be of a sufficient length to prevent skin exposure while wearing gloves. Full length pants and close-toed shoes must be worn at all times by all individuals that are occupying the laboratory area. The area of skin between the shoe and ankle should not be exposed.

**Hygiene Measures**

Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Wash hands before eating. Remove contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.

**Engineering Controls**

Work with 4-Aminopyridine in a properly operating and certified chemical fume hood or a glove box.

**First Aid Procedures**

**General advice**

Consult a physician. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Move out of dangerous area.

**If inhaled**

If breathed in, move person into fresh air. If not breathing give artificial respiration Consult a physician.

**In case of skin contact**

Wash off with soap and plenty of water. Consult a physician.

**In case of eye contact**

Rinse thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician.

**If swallowed**

Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Rinse mouth with water. Consult a physician.

**Special Handling and Storage Requirements**

* Store in tightly closed containers in a cool, well-ventilated area away from heat, air, light and moisture.
* 4-Aminopyridine and all other acutely toxic materials should be stored segregated in a secondary container in designated storage cabinet.
* 4-Aminopyridine containers, secondary containers such as trays and storage cabinets storing this chemical must have the warning label that says ‘HIGHLY ACUTE TOXIN’.
* Wash hands thoroughly immediately after handling (even if gloves were used).

**Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended storage conditions

**Materials to avoid**

Strong oxidizing agents, Strong acids, Acid chlorides, Acid anhydrides

**Spill and Accident Procedure**

**Chemical Spill Dial 911**

**24-7 On-Call Response to Research, Environment, Health or Safety Concerns Dial 2-5561 from a campus phone or 706-542-5561 from a non-campus line.**

**Spill** – Follow the procedures set out in the [UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.](http://research.uga.edu/docs/units/safety/manuals/Chemical-Laboratory-Safety-Manual.pdf)

[If there are any chemical-specific protocols for responding to a spill, insert them here or mark “none”:]

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# **Medical Emergency Dial 911**

**Life Threatening Emergency, After Hours, Weekends And Holidays** – Dial **911** or the emergency phone numbers listed at the beginning of the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual

*Note: All incidents that result in an injury or property damage must be reported to ORS / ESD using a University Incident/Accident Report.*

**Non-Life Threatening Emergency** – Follow the instructions in the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.

*Note: All incidents that result in an injury or property damage must be reported to ORS / ESD using a University Incident/Accident Report.*

**Decontamination/Waste Disposal Procedure**

**For general hazardous waste disposal procedures, see Appendix H of the UGA Chemical and Laboratory Safety Manual.**

**Chemical Specific Procedures: [to be inserted or marked as “none”]**

4-Aminopyridine is Highly Hazardous Substance. Even the containers (irrespective of the size) which once held 4-Aminopyridine must be disposed of as hazardous waste.

All 4-Aminopyridine based dry hazardous waste (such as pipettes, tips, gloves, and sorbent pads/paper towels/Kimwipes) must be double bagged (*use only transparent bags*).

**Safety Data Sheet (SDS) Location**

UGA personnel can access Online SDS through a link in the upper left corner of the ESD home page (<https://esd.uga.edu>) and logging in by using their UGA email user name and password.

**Protocol/Procedure (Add lab specific Protocol/Procedure here)**

Click here to enter text.

**NOTE**

Any deviation from this SOP requires approval from PI.

**Documentation of Training** (signature of all users is required)

* Prior to conducting any work with 4-Aminopyridine, designated personnel must provide training to his/her laboratory personnel specific to the hazards involved in working with this substance, work area decontamination, and emergency procedures.
* The Principal Investigator must provide his/her laboratory personnel with a copy of this SOP and access to the SDS provided by the manufacturer.
* The Principal Investigator must ensure that his/her laboratory personnel have attended appropriate laboratory safety training or refresher training within the last 12 months.

**Principal Investigator SOP Approval**

Print name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Approval Date:

I have read and understand the content of this SOP:

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