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Apalcillin

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A naphthyridine derivative of the broad spectrum, semisynthetic ampicillin with antibacterial activity. Apalcillin specifically binds to and inactivates penicillin-binding proteins (PBPs) located on the inner membrane of the bacterial cell wall, thereby preventing the cross-linkage of peptidoglycans, which are critical components of the bacterial cell wall. This leads to a weakening of the bacterial cell wall, eventually causing bacterial cell lysis.