

Product Information

Clotrimazole

C6019

Store at room temperature.

Product Description

Molecular Formula: C₂₂H₁₇N₂Cl

Molecular Weight: 344.8

CAS Number: 23593-75-1

Melting Point: 147-149 °C

λ_{max} : 261 nm

Synonyms: 1-(o-chloro- α,α -diphenylbenzyl)imidazole, 1-(o-chlorotrityl)imidazole, diphenyl-(2 chlorophenyl)-1imidazolymethane

Clotrimazole is an imidazole derivative and antifungal compound which has similar antimicrobial action and activity to ketoconazole.² Clotrimazole is known to block the Ca²⁺-activated K⁺ channels of intermediate conductance (IK channels) in erythrocytes.³ The inhibition of the canine isoform of the IK1 channel, as expressed in HEK293 or CHO cells, by clotrimazole has been investigated.⁴

Clotrimazole has been utilized in vitro on cultured human prostate cancer cells to counteract the proliferative effects of 1-ethyl-2-benzimidazolinone and riluzole.⁵ The upregulation of the ERG11 gene, which codes for the azole target enzyme lanosterol demethylase, in *Candida* species upon treatment with clotrimazole and other antibiotics has been studied.⁶

A concentration of 3 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ of clotrimazole is generally effective for inhibiting many fungal species that are sensitive to clotrimazole.² An investigation of various yeast strains and their susceptibility to clotrimazole and other antibiotics has been published.⁷ The effectiveness of clotrimazole against various *Mycobacteria* strains, with cytochrome P450 monooxygenases as specific molecular targets, has been studied.⁸ The susceptibility of several strains of *Plasmodium falciparum* to clotrimazole has been reported.⁹

Precautions and Disclaimer

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