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Product Information

Salinomycin, Ready Made Solution from *Streptomyces albus*

Catalog Number **S6201** Storage Temperature –20 °C

CAS RN 53003-10-4

Product Description

Molecular Weight: 751.00 Molecular formula: C₄₂H₇₀O₁₁

Salinomycin is a monocarboxylic polyether antibiotic with unique tricyclic spiroketal ring systems and an unsaturated six-membered ring in the molecule. It has antimicrobial and anticoccidial activities, and is an alkali ion carrier with affinity for cations with preference for K⁺ over other monovalent and divalent cations.

Polyether antibiotics (also called carboxylic ionophores) facilitate bidirectional ion flux through the lipid barrier of membranes causing interference with natural ion transport systems both in prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells.²⁻⁶ It has been shown tumor cells express elevated levels of various types of K⁺ channels, which enhances cell proliferation. Thus, drugs acting as channel blockers inhibit cell proliferation.^{4,5}

Being a highly selective potassium ionophore, Salinomycin may interfere with the function of potassium channels in cancer stem cells (CSCs).⁵ Established cancer therapies may fail because they kill the bulk tumor cells but do not eliminate CSCs. Recent studies indicate salinomycin selectively eradicates breast CSCs.⁵ Salinomycin may eliminate CSCs by inducing their differentiation. Salinomycin was also found to suppress the metastatic migration of 4T1 cells to the lungs.⁵

The product is supplied as a 0.2 μ m-filtered, 2 mg/mL (2.66 mM) solution in DMSO.

Salinomycin is also soluble in alcohols, esters, chloroform, ether, carbon tetrachloride, and hexane; insoluble in water.

Precautions and Disclaimer

This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

Storage/Stability

Store the product sealed at –20 °C. Under these conditions the product is stable for at least 2 years.

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