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# **Product Information**

## Flupirtine maleate

Catalog Number **F8927** Storage Temperature 2–8 °C

#### CAS RN 75507-68-5

Synonym: 2-Amino-6-([(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]amino)-3-pyridinyl-carbamic acid ethyl ester maleate

## **Product Description**

Molecular Formula: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ⋅ C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Formula Weight: 420.39

Flupirtine is an analgesic drug that acts as an antagonist at NMDA receptors. In vitro studies of the effect of flupirtine on L-glutamate toxicity in rat pheochromocytoma (PC12) cells showed a marked decreased in non-receptor-mediated necrotic cell death in cultures treated with 10 mM L-glutamate for 72 hours. Additionally, the increase in levels of reactive oxygen intermediates during L-glutamate-induced cell death was minimal, suggesting flupirtine is also an anti-oxidant. Thus, flupirtine is effective in compensating the oxidative stress induced by cysteine deprivation. In contrast, flupirtine has no effect on the excessive activity of monoamine oxidase during L-glutamate treatment.

Recently, flupirtine was found to be cytoprotective against cell death in neurons treated with PrP<sup>Sc</sup> or PrP<sup>106-126</sup>, suggesting flupirtine will be useful in studying the cell death associated with prion-related neurodegenerative diseases such as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD).<sup>3</sup>

#### **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.

## **Preparation Instructions**

Flupirtine is freely soluble in DMSO (>20 mg/ml), but insoluble in water.

# Storage/Stability

Store the product tightly sealed at 2-8 °C.

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