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Product Information

Puromycin dihydrochloride from *Streptomyces alboniger* cell culture tested

Catalog Number **P8833** Storage Temperature –20 °C

CAS RN: 58-58-2 (dihydrochloride)

53-79-2 (free base)

Synonyms: Stylomycin dihydrochloride;

(S)-3'-[[2-amino-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-oxopropyl]-

amino]-3'-deoxy-N,N-dimethyl-adenosine

dihydrochloride

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Molecular formula: C₂₂H₂₉N₇O₅ ⋅ 2HCl

Molecular weight: 544.43

Product Description

Puromycin dihydrochloride belongs to the aminonucleoside family of antibiotics and is isolated from *Streptomyces alboniger*. Since the partial structure of this antibiotic showed it to be a purine derivative, puromycin was assigned as its generic name.

Puromycin is a broad spectrum antibiotic and antibacterial agent. It is active against Gram-positive microorganisms, less active against acid-fast bacilli, and weakly active against Gram-negative microorganisms. It acts very quickly and can kill 99% of the cells within 2 days. It also exhibits antitumor activity in studies on brain tumor cells. 2

Puromycin is a protein synthesis inhibitor that causes premature chain termination by acting as an analog of the 3'-terminal end of aminoacyl-tRNA. It has been used to study transcriptional regulatory mechanisms that control the sequential and coordinate expression of genes during cell differentiation.^{3,4}

The product is tested on HeLa cells for cell growth arrest and selection of cells after transfection of the *pac* resistance gene. The optimal working concentration of puromycin varies between cell lines. Usually, the working concentration for eukaryote cell culture is $1-10~\mu\text{g/ml}$.

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

The product is soluble in water (50 mg/ml), yielding a clear, colorless to faint yellow solution. The stock solution may be passed through a 0.22 μ m filter and stored in aliquots at –20 °C.

It is also soluble in methanol (10 mg/ml).

Storage/Stability

Store the product at –20 °C. Under these conditions, the powder remains active for four years.

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