

# Small Molecules

PD98059

MEK/ERK pathway inhibitor; Inhibits MEK1 and MEK2

Catalog # 72172  
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1 mg  
5 mg



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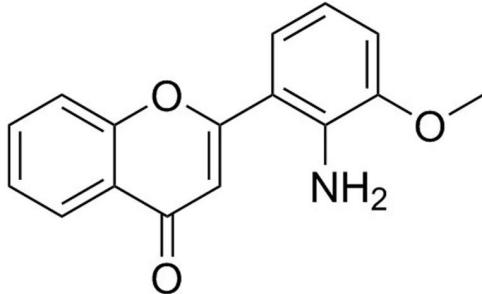
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## Product Description

PD98059 is a selective, cell permeable inhibitor of the MEK/ERK pathway that acts by preventing the activation of MEK1 ( $IC_{50} = 2 - 7 \mu M$ ) and MEK2 ( $IC_{50} = 50 \mu M$ ) by upstream kinases. It does not inhibit activated MEK, or the p38 MAPK pathway (Alessi et al.; Davies et al.; Dudley et al.).

Molecular Name: PD98059  
Alternative Names: Not applicable  
CAS Number: 167869-21-8  
Chemical Formula:  $C_{16}H_{13}NO_3$   
Molecular Weight: 267.3 g/mol  
Purity:  $\geq 98\%$   
Chemical Name: 2-(2-amino-3-methoxyphenyl)-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one  
Structure:



## Properties

Physical Appearance: A crystalline solid  
Storage: Product stable at -20°C as supplied. Protect from prolonged exposure to light. For product expiry date, please contact [techsupport@stemcell.com](mailto:techsupport@stemcell.com).  
Solubility:

- DMSO  $\leq 70 \text{ mM}$
- Absolute ethanol  $\leq 1.8 \text{ mM}$

For example, to prepare a 10 mM stock solution in DMSO, resuspend 1 mg in 374  $\mu\text{L}$  of DMSO.

Prepare stock solution fresh before use. Information regarding stability of small molecules in solution has rarely been reported, however, as a general guide we recommend storage in DMSO at -20°C. Aliquot into working volumes to avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. The effect of storage of stock solution on compound performance should be tested for each application.

Compound has low solubility in aqueous media. For use as a cell culture supplement, stock solution should be diluted into culture medium immediately before use. Avoid final DMSO concentration above 0.1% due to potential cell toxicity.

## Published Applications

### MAINTENANCE AND SELF-RENEWAL

- Enhances the growth and self-renewal of mouse embryonic stem (ES) cells (Burdon et al.; Qi et al.).
- Permits derivation of mouse ES cells from the refractory CBA mouse strain (Buehr and Smith).

### DIFFERENTIATION

- Blocks the differentiation of mouse ES cells (Burdon et al.).
- Enhances adipogenic differentiation and blocks osteogenic differentiation of human mesenchymal stem cells (Jaiswal et al.).

### CANCER RESEARCH

- Decreases number of AML blast colonies with minimal effect on normal hematopoietic progenitors (Milella et al.).

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