

## Small Molecules

**SB431542**

Activin/BMP/TGF $\beta$  pathway inhibitor;  
Inhibits ALK4, ALK5, and ALK7

Catalog # 72232  
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1 mg  
10 mg



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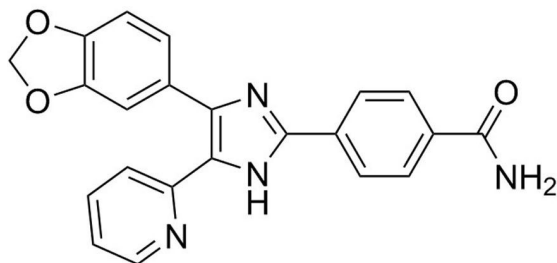
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## Product Description

SB431542 is a selective and potent inhibitor of the transforming growth factor (TGF)- $\beta$ , Activin, and Nodal pathways. It inhibits the TGF- $\beta$  type I receptors ALK 5 ( $IC_{50}$  = 94 nM), ALK4 ( $IC_{50}$  = 140 nM), and ALK7 by competing for the ATP binding site. It does not inhibit the BMP type I receptors ALK2, ALK3, and ALK6 (Inman et al.; Laping et al.).

**Molecular Name:** SB431542  
**Alternative Names:** SB-431542  
**CAS Number:** 301836-41-9  
**Chemical Formula:** C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
**Molecular Weight:** 384.4 g/mol  
**Purity:**  $\geq$  98%  
**Chemical Name:** 4-[4-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-(2-pyridinyl)-1H-imidazol-2-yl]-benzamide  
**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:** · Absolute ethanol  $\leq$  5.2 mM  
· DMSO  $\leq$  50 mM  
For example, to prepare a 10 mM stock solution in DMSO, resuspend 1 mg in 260  $\mu$ 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

### REPROGRAMMING

- Replaces SOX2 in the reprogramming of mouse fibroblasts to induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells (Ichida et al.).
- Increases the efficiency of reprogramming human somatic cells to iPS cells, in combination with PD0325901 (Catalog #72182) and Thiazovivin (Catalog #72252; Lin et al.).
- Direct lineage reprogramming of fibroblasts to mature neurons, in combination with CHIR99021 (Catalog #72052), ISX-9 (Catalog #73202), Forskolin (Catalog #72112), and I-BET151 (Catalog #73712; Li et al.).

### DIFFERENTIATION

- Promotes differentiation of neural progenitor cells from human pluripotent stem cells (PSCs), in combination with either LDN193189 (Catalog #72146) or Noggin (Catalog #78060; Chambers et al. 2009; Chambers et al. 2012).
- Promotes proliferation and sheet formation of mouse embryonic stem (ES)-derived endothelial cells (Watabe et al.).
- Enhances differentiation of cardiomyocytes from mouse and human PSCs (Kattman et al.).
- Inhibits the self-renewal and causes differentiation of human PSCs, demonstrating the importance of the TGFβ/Activin/Nodal pathway in their maintenance (James et al.; Vallier et al.).

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