# (-)-Blebbistatin

# Small Molecules

Non-muscle myosin II (NM II) ATPase

inhibitor

Catalog # 72402 5 mg 72404 25 mg



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### **Product Description**

(-)-Blebbistatin is a selective cell-permeable inhibitor of non-muscle myosin II ATPases (Kovács et al.; Straight et al.) and is named after its ability to inhibit membrane blebbing. It rapidly and reversibly inhibits Mg-ATPase activity and in vitro motility of non-muscle myosin IIA and IIB for several species ( $IC_{50} = 0.5 - 5.0 \mu M$ ), while poorly inhibiting smooth muscle myosin ( $IC_{50} = 80 \mu M$ ; Limouze et al.). Blebbistatin is inactivated by ultraviolet light (Kolega), which may be particularly important in fluorescent cell imaging applications.

 $\begin{tabular}{lll} Molecular Name: & (-)-Blebbistatin \\ Alternative Names: & Not applicable \\ CAS Number: & 856925-71-8 \\ Chemical Formula: & C_{18}H_{16}N_2O_2 \\ Molecular Weight: & 292.3 g/mol \\ Purity: & <math>\geq 98\%$ 

Chemical Name: (3aS)-3a-hydroxy-6-methyl-1-phenyl-2,3-dihydropyrrolo[2,3-b]quinolin-4-one

Structure:

## **Properties**

Physical Appearance: A crystalline solid

Storage: Product stable at -20°C as supplied. Protect from prolonged exposure to light.

Stable as supplied for 12 months from date of receipt.

Solubility:  $\cdot$  DMSO  $\leq$  40 mM

For example, to prepare a 10 mM stock solution in DMSO, resuspend 1 mg in 342  $\mu L$  of fresh 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.

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#### **Published Applications**

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- · Increases human pluripotent stem cell (hPSC) survival and cloning efficiency after dissociation to single cells, downstream of ROCK inhibition (Chen et al.; Ohgushi et al.; Walker et al.; Xu et al.).
- · Enables hPSs to be cultured on microcarriers without surface coating (Chen et al.).
- · Inhibits differentiation of human mesenchymal stem cells (McBeath et al.; Engler et al.).

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