

Small Molecules

U-0126

MEK/ERK pathway inhibitor; Inhibits MEK1 and MEK2

Catalog # 73522
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1 mg
10 mg



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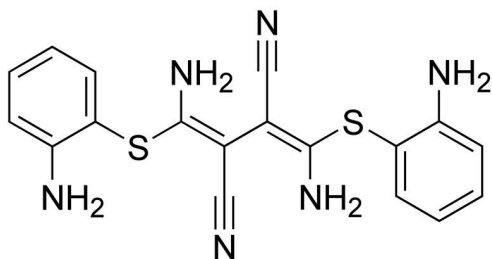
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Product Description

U-0126 is a selective, non-ATP competitive inhibitor of mitogen activated protein kinase kinase (MEK), inhibiting MEK1 and MEK2 with IC_{50} values of 72 nM and 58 nM, respectively (Favata et al.; Scherle et al.). It shows little or no inhibition at micromolar levels of other kinases such as ERK, protein kinase C (PKC), c-Jun N-terminal kinases (JNK), other MAP kinase kinases (MKK3, MKK4, MKK6), cyclin-dependant kinases (CDK2, CDK4), ABL, and RAF (Favata et al. 1998). U-0126 also antagonizes AP-1 transcription and selectively inhibits promoters containing AP-1 response elements (Favata et al.).

Molecular Name: U-0126
Alternative Names: Not applicable
CAS Number: 109511-58-2
Chemical Formula: $C_{18}H_{16}N_6S_2$
Molecular Weight: 380.5 g/mol
Purity: $\geq 98\%$
Chemical Name: 2,3-bis[amino[(2-aminophenyl)thio]methylene]-butanedinitrile
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.
Solubility:
· DMSO ≤ 65 mM
· Absolute ethanol ≤ 1 mM
For example, to prepare a 10 mM stock solution in DMSO, resuspend 1 mg in 263 μL 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

- In combination with FGF2, Activin A, and a PKC inhibitor, U-0126 promotes maintenance of human pluripotent stem cells (Kinehara et al.).
- Used alone with MEF-conditioned medium, U-0126 inhibits self-renewal of human pluripotent stem cells, leading to differentiation, without affecting proliferation or survival (Li et al.).
- Inhibits glutamate-induced oxidative stress in mouse hippocampal HT22 cells and rat primary cortical cultures (Satoh et al.; Ong et al.).
- Neuroprotective in a gerbil ischemia model and in primary mouse neurons cultured under hypoxia (Namura et al.).

IMMUNOLOGY

- Inhibits T-cell proliferation against certain antigenic stimuli by reducing IL-2 mRNA levels (DeSilva et al.).

DISEASE MODELING

- Activates peroxisome proliferator activated receptor (PPAR) co-activator 1 α (PGC-1 α) and prevents neurotoxicity and spatial memory impairment in rats challenged by amyloid beta (A β ; Ashabi et al.).

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