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Ionomycin

Calcium ionophore

Catalog # 73722 1 mg
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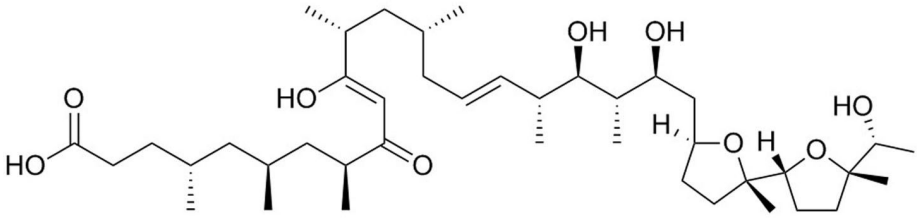
Product Description

Ionomycin is a potent and selective calcium ionophore derived from Streptomyces conglobatus (Liu et al.). It is used as a research tool to rapidly raise the intracellular level of calcium, and to study calcium transport across biological membranes by inducing the release of cytosolic calcium stores (Morgan & Jacob; Yoshida & Plant). Ionomycin is a more effective Ca++ ionophore than A23187, but less effective at binding and carrying Mg++ (Liu & Hermann). Ionomycin is able to activate and prime the polymorphonuclear neutrophil (PMN) oxidase (Elzi et al.), and is used in conjunction with phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA; Catalog #74042) for the activation of T cells (IC_{50} = 5.8 nM; Caraher et al.; Zhang et al.).

Molecular Name:	Ionomycin
Alternative Names:	SQ 23377
CAS Number:	56092-81-0; 64-17-5
Chemical Formula:	$C_{41}H_{72}O_9$
Molecular Weight:	709 g/mol
Purity:	≥ 98%
Chemical Name:	Ionomycin free acid
Structure:	

Properties

Physical Appearance:	A solution in ethanol
Storage:	Product stable at -20°C as supplied. Protect product from prolonged exposure to light. Stable as supplied for 12 months from date of receipt.
Solubility:	Not applicable.

Published Applications

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· Activates T cells from human, mouse, or rat sources, in combination with PMA, to express cytokines including IL-17, IL-4, IL-10, and IL-2 (Caraher et al.; Harrington et al.; Parrish-Novak et al.).

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