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Background	Axitinib is a selective inhibitor of VEGFR, PDGFR, and c-kit tyrosine kinases. Researchers performing cellular phosphorylation assays have shown that axitinib very potently inhibits VEGF-1, -2, and -3 with IC_{50} values of approximately 1.2 nM, 0.2 nM, and 0.1-0.3 nM, respectively. It also effectively inhibits PDGF- α (IC ₅₀ = 5.0 nM), PDGF- β (IC ₅₀ = 1.6 nM), and c-kit (IC ₅₀ = 1.7 nM) (1). Axitinib exhibits little activity against a variety of off-target protein kinases when used at 1 μ M (1). It inhibits VEGF-induced endothelial cell proliferation, survival, and tube formation, as well as phosphorylation of downstream targets Akt, eNOS, and ERK1/2 in a dose-dependent manner (1). Research studies demonstrate that axitinib suppresses T cell proliferation in a dose dependent manner through G2/M mitotic arrest, while apoptosis is largely prevented though stabilization of Mcl-1 and inactivation of caspase-9 (2). Axitinib has been shown to reduce both hypoxic-induced tissue permeability and overexpression/secretion of VEGF and PDGF in HUVE and RPE cells, as well as alter junction protein expression (3).
Molecular Formula	C ₂₂ H ₁₈ N ₄ OS
Molecular Weight	386.47 g/mol
Purity	>99%
CAS	319460-85-0
Solubility	Soluble in DMSO at 33mg/ml and EtOH at 1.7mg/ml.
Storage	Store lyophilized or in solution at -20°C, desiccated. Protect from light. In lyophilized form, the chemical is stable for 24 months. Once in solution, use within 3 months to prevent loss of potency. Aliquot to avoid multiple freeze/thaw cycles.
Directions for Use	Axitinib is supplied as a lyophilized powder. For a 10 mM stock, reconstitute the 5 mg in 1.29 ml DMSO. Working concentrations and length of treatment can vary depending on the desired effect, but it is typically used as a pretreatment at 1-1000 nM for 0.5-2 hr prior to treating with a stimulator. It can also be used alone, with varying treatment times lasting up to 72 hr.
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