

Aphidicolin



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Background

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Aphidicolin is a tetracyclic diterpenoid first produced by the fungus *Cephalosporium aphidicola*. This antibiotic is a potent inhibitor of cellular deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) synthesis by targeting α , ϵ , and δ DNA polymerases in eukaryotic cells lines with little to no effect on β or γ DNA polymerases (1,2). Studies have shown that Aphidicolin specifically binds to α DNA polymerase, resulting in the formation of a pol α -DNA-aphidicolin ternary complex that blocks DNA replication. The uses for this compound include synchronized cells at the G1/S boundary and increased gene amplification (3-6).

Molecular Formula Molecular Weight C₂₀H₃₄O₄ 338.5 g/mol

Purity

>98%

CAS

38966-21-1

Solubility

Soluble in DMSO at 10 mg/ml or ethanol at 1 mg/ml.

Storage

Store lyophilized at -20°C, desiccated. In lyophilized form, the chemical is stable for 24 months. Once in solution, store at -20°C and use within 1 month to prevent loss of potency. *Aliquot to avoid multiple freeze/thaw cycles*.

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Directions for Use

Aphidicolin is supplied as a lyophilized powder. For a 5 mM stock, reconstitute 1 mg of powder in 590 μ l of DMSO. Working concentrations and length of treatment can vary depending on the desired effect.

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