

Product Numbers	AMS.SRP002-2
Product Name	Synthetic retinoid ec23 (4-(5,5,8,8-Tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ylethynyl)benzoic acid)

Physical Description:

Appearance	White powder
Formula:	C ₂₃ H ₂₄ O ₂
Molecular Weight:	332
Purity	99% by HPLC (area)

Method of Preparation:

Retinoid ec23 is synthetically prepared.

Stability / Storage as Supplied:

Unreconstituted Synthetic Retinoid ec23 remains chemically and physically stable under normal laboratory conditions. It is not light sensitive and does not require storage in the presence of an inert gas.

Solubility / Solution Stability:

Unlike *all-trans* retinoic acid, Synthetic Retinoid ec23 is not sensitive to light, heat and air in solution. Synthetic Retinoid ec23 is insoluble in water but is readily soluble in DMSO at 10mg/ml concentrations. A convenient 10mM stock solution can be prepared by the addition of 1.5ml of anhydrous DMSO (or fresh $\geq 99.9\%$ ACS grade DMSO) to one vial of ec23 (5mg, 99% HPLC). This can be then divided into suitable aliquots and stored at -20°C until further use. Low temperature storage is required to prevent the breakdown of DMSO into methylmercaptan and formaldehyde in the presence of a weak acid. Avoid the repeated freeze-thaw of aliquots.

Subsequent dilutions can be made from the stock solution into aqueous-based solutions, including cell culture growth medium. The working concentration of Synthetic Retinoid ec23 is dependent on the particular experiment or assay and the nature of the cell system used. Final concentrations varying from 10 μM to 0.01 μM ec23 have been shown to regulate biological activity. Accordingly, the user should optimise the concentration of ec23 for their purposes.



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Product Information

Usage / Applications:

Synthetic Retinoid ec23 has been developed for research use only. Experimental evidence shows that this compound is a potent inducer of pluripotent stem cell differentiation resulting in the down regulation of markers associated with the pluripotent stem cell phenotype and increased expression of differentiation markers. The differentiation of neural tissues is typically observed. Data show that Synthetic Retinoid ec23 induces the formation of larger numbers of neurons in a more consistent fashion compared to *all-trans* retinoic acid. Moreover, the synthetic retinoid differentially activates *Hox* gene transcription factor expression in a dose dependent manner. Like naturally occurring retinoid acid, Synthetic Retinoid ec23 also triggers digit duplication during targeted release in the chick embryo underlining its potency as a regulator of tissue development. Preliminary evidence indicates that Synthetic Retinoid ec23 modulates cell differentiation through retinoid signalling pathways including activation of retinoic binding proteins.

General Notes:

Synthetic Retinoid ec23 exerts a wide range of biological effects in a similar manner to naturally occurring retinoic acid. Research indicates that it is involved in the control of cellular differentiation and tissue formation during embryogenesis. It is a potent teratogen effecting tissue patterning and malformations when embryos at different developmental stages are exposed to it.

It is essential that the appropriate precautions, protective clothing and equipment are used at all times when preparing or handling Synthetic Retinoid ec23 in powder or soluble forms (see MSDS for further information).

References:

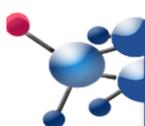
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