# **Small Molecules**

#### **Stavudine**

HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitor



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Catalog #100-1167 500 mg

### **Product Description**

Stavudine is a nucleoside analog of thymidine and HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitor (Tai-Shun et al.). Stavudine is phosphorylated by kinases that turn it into stavudine triphosphate, which competes with the natural substrate thymidine triphosphate to be incorporated into the viral DNA by HIV reverse transcriptase. When stavudine triphosphate is incorporated into the viral DNA chain, it terminates DNA replication prematurely and inhibits HIV replication (Hurst & Noble).

Alternative Names: BMY 27857: d4T: Zerit

CAS Number: 3056-17-5 Chemical Formula: C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Molecular Weight: 224.2 g/mol Purity: ≥ 98%

Chemical Name: 2',3'-Didehydro-3'-deoxy-thymidine

Structure:

#### **Properties**

Physical Appearance: A white powder

Storage: Product stable at -20°C as supplied. As a precaution, STEMCELL recommends storing all small molecules away

from direct light. For long-term storage, store with a desiccant. Stable as supplied for 12 months from date of

receipt.

Solubility: Water ≤ 85 mM

• DMSO ≤ 85 mM

For example, to prepare a 10 mM stock solution in water, resuspend 10 mg in 4.46 mL of water.

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.

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.

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### **Published Applications**

**CANCER RESEARCH** 

- · Induces mitochondrial reactive oxygen species (ROS) and enhances mitochondrial oxidative stress in human hepatoma cells (Velsor et al.).
- · Reported to induce cellular senescence in human fibroblasts. Fibroblasts treated with stavudine exhibited mitochondrial dysfunction, slowed division rates, and increased ROS levels in early culture passages. In later passages, fibroblasts became senescent on the basis of p16 and p21 protein expression and senescence-associated β-galactosidase (SA-β-gal) activity (Caron et al.).

DISEASE MODELING

· Reduces NLRP3 inflammasome-associated inflammation and stimulates Aß autophagy by THP-1-derived macrophages in an in vitro model of Alzheimer's disease (La Rosa et al.).

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