# Small Molecules

#### 9-cis Retinoic Acid

Retinoid pathway activator; Activates retinoic acid receptor (RAR) and retinoid X receptor (RXR)

Catalog # 72382 5 mg 72384 25 mg



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## **Product Description**

9-cis-Retinoic Acid is a natural metabolite of vitamin A, derived from the intermediate All-Trans Retinoic Acid (Catalog #72262) (Kane). It potently activates all isoforms of retinoic acid receptor (RAR; Ki = 0.5 - 27 nM) as well as retinoid X receptor (RXR; Ki = 3.8 - 12 nM) isoforms (Umemiya et al.; Wong et al.). RAR heterodimerizes with RXR, while RXR can homodimerize as well as heterodimerize with numerous partners in addition to RAR, thus allowing 9-cis-Retinoic Acid to evoke a wide range of effects (Dawson et al.; Kane).

Molecular Name: 9-cis Retinoic Acid

Alternative Names: 9-cis-retinoic acid; Aliretinoin; NSC 659772; Panretin

CAS Number: 5300-03-8 Chemical Formula:  $C_{20}H_{28}O_2$  Molecular Weight: 300.4 g/mol Purity:  $\geq$  95%

Chemical Name: (2E,4E,6Z,8E)-3,7-dimethyl-9-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohexen-1-yl)nona-2,4,6,8-tetraenoic acid

Structure:

# **Properties**

Physical Appearance: A crystalline solid

Storage: Product stable at -20°C as supplied. Protect from prolonged exposure to light.

Stable as supplied for 12 months from date of receipt.

Solubility: · Absolute ethanol ≤ 1.6 mM

· DMSO ≤ 65 mM

For example, to prepare a 10 mM stock solution in DMSO, resuspend 1 mg in 333  $\mu L$  of DMSO.

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.

Compound has low solubility in aqueous media. 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**

#### **DIFFERENTIATION**

- · Increases the number of neurons derived from rat neural stem cell cultures (Laeng et al.).
- · Promotes oligodendrocyte precursor cell differentiation and myelination in cultured cells and mouse cerebellar slices (Huang et al.).
- · Induces formation of pancreatic ducts, but not acini, in embryonic mouse pancreas grown in collagen gel (Kadison et al.; Kobayashi et al.).
- · Enhances BMP9-induced osteogenic differentiation of mesenchymal progenitor cells, in vitro and in vivo (Zhang et al.).
- $\cdot$  Induces myogenic differentiation of C2C12 myoblast progenitor cells (Zhu et al.).

#### CANCER RESEARCH

- · Inhibits proliferation of Epstein-Barr virus-infected lymphoblastoid cell lines (Pomponi et al.).
- · Inhibits growth of cultured human gastric cancer cells (Naka et al.).
- · Inhibits spontaneous proliferation and CD40-induced growth in primary mantle cell lymphoma cells (Guidoboni et al.).

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