### Kenpaullone

# Small Molecules

WNT pathway activator; Inhibits GSK3

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Catalog # 72782 10 mg

## **Product Description**

Kenpaullone is an ATP-competitive inhibitor of several cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs) as well as glycogen synthase kinase 3 $\beta$  (GSK-3 $\beta$ ; Bain et al.; Leclerc et al.; Zaharevitz et al.). It inhibits GSK-3 $\beta$ , Cdk1/cyclin B, Cdk2/cyclin A, Cdk5/p25, and lymphocyte kinase with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 0.23, 0.4, 0.68, 0.85, and 0.47 μM, respectively (Bain et al.; Zaharevitz et al.).

Molecular Name: Kenpaullone

Alternative Names: 9-Bromopaullone; NSC 664704

CAS Number: 142273-20-9 Chemical Formula:  $C_{16}H_{11}BrN_2O$  Molecular Weight: 327.2 g/mol Purity:  $\geq 98\%$ 

Chemical Name: 9-bromo-7,12-dihydro-indolo[3,2-d][1]benzazepin-6(5H)-one

Structure:

## **Properties**

Physical Appearance: A crystalline solid

Storage: Product stable at -20°C as supplied. Protect from prolonged exposure to light. For product expiry date, please

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Solubility:  $\cdot$  DMSO  $\leq$  30 mM

For example, to prepare a 10 mM stock solution in DMSO, resuspend 1 mg in 306 µL of fresh 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**

#### REPROGRAMMING

· Replaces Klf4 in the generation of induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells from mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) transduced with Oct4, Sox2, and c-Myc (Lyssiotis et al.).

#### **DIFFERENTIATION**

- · Enhances neuronal differentiation in rat and human neural precursor cell cultures (Castelo-Branco et al.; Lange et al.).
- · Promotes survival of motor neurons derived from mouse embryonic stem (ES) cells and from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) patient iPS cells (Yang et al.).

#### CANCER RESEARCH

· Inhibits KLF4 expression and self-renewal in breast cancer stem cells in vitro (Yu et al.).

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