Small Molecules	EC23	
	Retinoid pathway activator; Activates retinoic acid receptor (RAR)	T E C H N O L O G I E S Scientists Helping Scientists™ WWW.STEMCELL.COM
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Product Description

EC23 is a retinoic acid receptor (RAR) agonist with pan-RAR activity (EC₅₀: RAR α 41 nM, RAR β 0.5 nM, RAR γ 0.4 nM), while having no appreciable activity for retinoid X receptors (RXR; EC₅₀ > 10 μ M for all; Gambone et al.). It is a photostable synthetic analog of All-Trans Retinoic Acid (Catalog #72262) (ATRA; Christie et al. 2008). EC23 also weakly activates aryl hydrocarbon receptors (Gambone et al.).

Molecular Name:	EC23
Alternative Names:	AGN 190205; BASF 46928
CAS Number:	104561-41-3
Chemical Formula:	$C_{23}H_{24}O_2$
Molecular Weight:	332.4 g/mol
Purity:	≥ 98%
Chemical Name:	4-[2-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)ethynyl]-benzoic 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:	\cdot DMSO \leq 15 mM \cdot Absolute ethanol \leq 3 mM For example, to prepare a 10 mM stock solution in DMSO, resuspend 1 mg in 301 μ 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.



Published Applications

DIFFERENTIATION

- · Induces neural differentiation of human pluripotent stem cells, similarly to ATRA (Christie et al. 2010; Clemens et al.).
- · Induces neuronal differentiation of human fetal neural progenitor cell line ReNcell 197VM (Christie et al. 2010).

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