

# Small Molecules

## Puromycin

Antibiotic; Protein synthesis inhibitor

Catalog # 73342  
73344

50 mg  
500 mg



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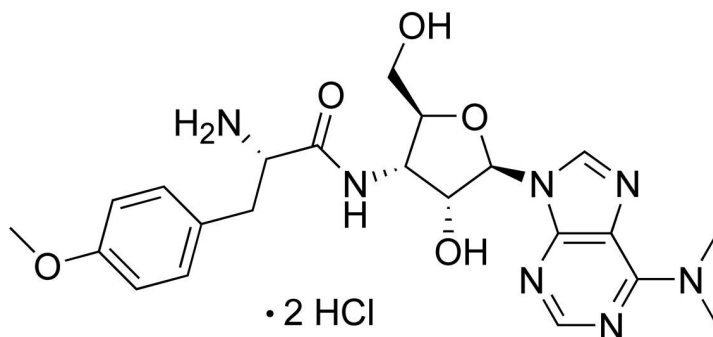
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## Product Description

Puromycin is an aminonucleoside antibiotic, derived from *Streptomyces alboniger*, which acts as a protein synthesis inhibitor. It binds to the target ribosome site A, where it is transferred to the growing polypeptide chain causing premature chain termination (Lührmann et al.; Rodriguez-Fonseca et al.; Azzam & Algranati). A biologically inactive form is generated when puromycin is N-acetylated by puromycin-N-acetyltransferase, allowing this gene to be used as a selective resistance marker (Vara et al.).

Molecular Name:	Puromycin (Dihydrochloride)
Alternative Names:	CL 13900, CL 16536, NSC 3055, PDH
CAS Number:	58-58-2
Chemical Formula:	$C_{22}H_{29}N_7O_5 \cdot 2HCl$
Molecular Weight:	544.4 g/mol
Purity:	≥ 98%
Chemical Name:	(2S)-2-amino-N-[(2S,4R,5R)-5-[6-(dimethylamino)purin-9-yl]-4-hydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)oxolan-3-yl]-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)propanamide;dihydrochloride

Structure:



## Properties

Physical Appearance:	A crystalline solid
Storage:	Product stable at $-20^{\circ}C$ as supplied. Protect from prolonged exposure to light. For product expiry date, please contact <a href="mailto:techsupport@stemcell.com">techsupport@stemcell.com</a> .
Solubility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· PBS (pH 7.2) ≤ 15 mM</li><li>· DMSO ≤ 20 mM</li><li>· Absolute ethanol ≤ 1.5 mM</li></ul> For example, to prepare a 10 mM stock solution in PBS, resuspend 50 mg in 9.18 mL of PBS (pH 7.2).

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  $-20^{\circ}C$ . 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.

## Published Applications

### CELL LINE DEVELOPMENT

- Selects for cells expressing puromycin-N-acetyltransferase resistance gene as a research tool (de la Luna & Ortín; Iwaki et al.).
- Useful in CRISPR/Cas9 mammalian gene editing by selecting for successful Cas9-induced knock-in with puromycin resistance gene (Park et al.).

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- Possesses anti-tumor activity when tested against numerous cell lines (Foley & Eagle).

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