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5 mg

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Background

Doxorubicin, an anthracycline antibiotic, inhibits DNA and RNA synthesis in mammalian cells and has been shown to be a very effective anti-tumor agent (1,2). Doxorubicin binds to nucleic acids by intercalating the DNA double helix and stabilizing topoisomerase II cleavage complexes, leading to DNA strand breaks at specific doxorubicin-induced sites (3). Doxorubin has been shown to inhibit DNA synthesis in a dose-dependent manner in MCF7 cells, which corresponds closely with growth inhibition (4). Researchers have also demonstrated that doxorubicin effectively inhibits human DNA topoisomerase I (5).

Molecular Formula C₂₇H₂₉NO₁₁ • HCl

Molecular Weight 579.98 g/mol

Purity >99%

CAS 25316-40-9

Solubility Soluble in DMSO at 100mg/ml and H2O at 10mg/ml.

Storage Store lyophilized or in solution at -20°C, desiccated. Protect from light. In lyophilized form, the chemical is

stable for 24 months. Once in solution, use within 3 months to prevent loss of potency. Aliquot to avoid

multiple freeze/thaw cycles.

Directions for Use: Doxorubicin is supplied as a lyophilized powder. For a 10 mM stock, reconstitute the 5 mg in 860 μl DMSO.

Working concentrations and length of treatments vary depending on the desired effect, but it is typically used at $0.1-5~\mu M$ for 12-24 hours. Soluble in DMSO at 100 mg/ml; very poorly soluble in ethanol; soluble in

water at 10 mg/ml with slight warming.

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Cross-Reactivity Key

H: human M: mouse R: rat Hm: hamster Mk: monkey Vir: virus Mi: mink C: chicken Dm: D. melanogaster X: Xenopus Z: zebrafish B: bovine Dg: dog Pg: pig Sc: S. cerevisiae Ce: C. elegans Hr: horse

GP: Guinea Pig Rab: rabbit All: all species expected

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