Chloroquine



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Background

Chloroquine (CO) is a lysosomotropic agent with an extensive range of biological effects (1). Historically known for its anti-malarial activity, chloroquine is a widely used biological research tool for studying autophagy inhibition. Research studies demonstrate that chloroquine accumulates in acidic lysosomes and increases the lysosomal pH. This inhibits lysosomal hydrolases and prevents autophagosomal fusion and degradation, which can result in apoptotic or necrotic cell death (1-4). Inhibition of chloroguine-induced apoptosis with the V-ATPase inhibitor bafilomycin A1 has been observed in several cell types (4). Chloroquine also enhances the anti-neoplastic effects of the histone deacetylase inhibitor vorinostat (SAHA) (5).

Chloroquine treatment of cells leads to accumulation of light chain 3-II (LC3-II) (1-3). This autophagy marker resides within autophagosomal membranes during the autophagic process and is degraded upon fusion with lysosomes. Chloroquine inhibition of these fusion events effectively blocks LC3-II degradation.

This product has applications to SARS-CoV-2 research into the mechanisms of the Novel Coronavirus, which has caused the COVID-19 pandemic.

Molecular Formula C₁₈H₂₆ClN₃•2H₃PO₄

Molecular Weight 515.9 g/mol

>98% **Purity**

CAS 50-63-5

Soluble in H2O at 25mg/ml. Solubility

Store lyophilized at room temperature or in solution at -20°C, desiccated. Protect from light. In lyophilized Storage

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.

Chloroquine is supplied as a lyophilized powder. For a 50 mM stock, reconstitute the 150 mg in 5.82 ml **Directions for Use:**

sterile dH₂O. First add 1 ml dH₂O to the tube containing the chemical, vortex, and dispense into a new, larger tube. Repeat this action two or three more times to transfer any residual material. Add additional dH₂O to the new tube to bring the volume up to 5.82 ml. Filter sterilize into sterile tube. Utilize a syringe

and 0.2 µm syringe filter to minimize sample loss.

Working concentrations and length of treatment can vary depending on the desired effect, but it is typically

used at 25-100 µM for 12-48 hr.

Background References

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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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