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# **Product Information**

Wortmannin
Ready Made Solution
from Penicillium fumiculosum

Catalog Number **W3144** Storage Temperature –20 °C

CAS RN 19545-26-7

Synonyms: Wartmannin, Antibiotic SL-2052

## **Product Description**

Molecular formula: C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>8</sub> Formula weight: 428.43

Wortmannin is a low molecular weight; hydrophobic fungal metabolite with a sterol-like structure produced by *Penicilium fumiculosum*.<sup>1</sup> Inhibition of the PI3K/Akt signal transduction cascade by Wortmannin enhances the apoptotic effects of radiation or serum withdrawal, and blocks the antiapoptotic effect of cytokines.<sup>2,3</sup> PI3K inhibition by Wortmannin also blocks many of the short-term metabolic effects induced by insulin receptor activation.<sup>4</sup> Research has demonstrated Wortmannin inhibits two enzymes from the mitotical division key regulators Polo-like kinase (PIk) family, PIk1 and PIk3.<sup>5,6</sup>

The product is supplied as a 10 mM 0.2 µm filtered solution in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO).

Purity: >95% (HPLC)

#### **Precautions and Disclaimer**

This product is for R&D use only, not for drug, household, or other uses. Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling practices.

### Storage/Stability

Store the product sealed at –20 °C, protected from light. Under these conditions, the product is stable for at least 2 years.

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