

## Product Information

### Roscovitine

Product Number **R 7772**

Storage Temperature -0 °C

#### Product Description

Molecular Formula: C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O

Molecular Weight: 354.5

CAS Number: 186692-46-6

Synonyms: 6-(benzylamino)-2(R)-[1-(hydroxymethyl)propyl]amino]-9-isopropylpurine, 2-(R)-[[9-(1-Methylethyl)-6-[(phenylmethyl)amino]-9H-purin-2-yl]amino]-1-butanol

Roscovitine is a purine analog that is a potent and selective inhibitor of cyclin-dependent kinases (cdk).<sup>1,2</sup> In particular, it is a competitive inhibitor of cdc2/cyclin B, cdk2/cyclin A, cdk2/cyclin E, and cdk5/p35.<sup>3</sup> The crystal structure of roscovitine complexed with cdk2 has been determined, where the purine portion of roscovitine binds to the adenine binding pocket of cdk2. In addition, a comparison of the relative activities of the (R) and (S) stereoisomers of roscovitine towards cdc2/cyclin B has indicated that the (R)-isomer has about twice the inhibitory capacity than the (S)-isomer.<sup>4</sup>

Another potential function of roscovitine that has been postulated is a role in regulation of P/Q-type calcium channels and transmitter release in central neurons.<sup>5</sup> The role of roscovitine in inhibiting nucleotide uptake in K562 cells has been studied.<sup>6</sup> A cell culture study of roscovitine on human tumor cell lines and a mouse model of cancer has been reported.<sup>7</sup> A study in DU-145 prostate tumor spheroids of the action of roscovitine on the regulation of the cyclin-dependent kinase (CDK) inhibitors p27(Kip1) and p21(WAF-1) has been described.<sup>8</sup>

#### Precautions and Disclaimer

For Laboratory Use Only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

#### Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in chloroform (50 mg/ml), yielding a clear, colorless to light yellow solution. It is also soluble in DMSO (5 mg/ml).

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