

Product Information

Trifluoperazine dihydrochloride

Product Number **T8516**

Storage Temperature -0 °C

Product Description

Molecular Formula: C₂₁H₂₄F₃N₃S • 2HCl

Molecular Weight: 480.4

CAS Number: 440-17-5

Melting Point: 242-243 °C¹

pK_a: 3.9, 8.1¹

Synonyms: 10-[3-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-propyl]-2-(trifluoromethyl)-10H-phenothiazine dihydrochloride; 2-trifluoromethyl-10-[3'-(1-methyl-4-piperazinyl)propyl]phenothiazine dihydrochloride¹

Trifluoperazine is a phenothiazine derivative with a piperazine side chain that is used in cell signaling and neuroscience research. It has α -adrenergic blocking and antimuscarinic activities comparable to those of chlorpromazine.² Trifluoperazine can inhibit the high-conductance pore that occurs during mitochondrial permeability transition, and thus can counter various mechanisms of cell injury and apoptosis.^{3,4} A review of annexin-formed channels discusses the potential effects of trifluoperazine on their function.⁵

Trifluoperazine (3 μ M) has been shown to inhibit photopolarization in zygotes of the algae *Fucus serratus*.⁶ In a study of cold-induced apoptosis in cultured rat liver endothelial cells, trifluoperazine has been demonstrated to inhibit ultracondensation, loss of mitochondrial membrane potential, and loss of viability during the rewarming of the cells.⁷ Trifluoperazine has been used to block phospholipase A₂ activity in hypothermically treated rat hepatocytes, and thus to inhibit arachidonic acid incorporation into phospholipids.⁸ Trifluoperazine is a calmodulin antagonist, and the binding of trifluoperazine to porcine brain calmodulin and to rabbit skeletal muscle troponin C has been studied using an HPLC binding assay.⁹

Precautions and Disclaimer

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

Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in water (50 mg/ml), with heat as needed, yielding a clear, colorless to yellow-tan solution. It is also soluble in DMSO and in ethanol (5 mg/ml).

Storage/Stability

Solutions of this product may be stored for several weeks at 4 °C.

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