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Product Information

Rapamycin
Ready Made Solution
from Streptomyces hygroscopicus

Catalog Number **R8781** Storage Temperature –20 °C

CAS RN 53123-88-9

Synonyms: Antibiotic AY 22989; NSC 2260804; Sirolimus: Rapamune.

$$H_3CO$$
 H_3C
 H_3C

Product Description

Molecular formula: C₅₁H₇₉NO₁₃ Molecular weight: 914.17

Rapamycin is a macrocyclic triene antibiotic synthesized by *Streptopmyces hygroscopicus*. It was originally isolated as an antifungal agent, ^{1,2} but was found to possess antitumor and potentially immunosuppressive activities. ^{3,4} Rapamycin forms a complex with the immunophilin FK506 binding protein 12 (FKBP12) that binds to and inhibits the molecular target of rapamycin (mTOR). mTOR is a member of the phosphoinositide kinase-related kinase (PIKK) family that enhances cellular proliferation via the phosphoinositol 3-kinase/Akt signaling pathway. ⁵ Effectors of mTOR include 4EBP1 and S6K1. ⁶ Inhibition of this pathway by rapamycin blocks downstream elements and results in cell cycle arrest in G₁. ^{7,8}

Reagent

The product is supplied as a 2.5 mg/ml (2.74 mM), 0.2 µm filtered, dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) solution.

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. Under these conditions the product is stable for at least 2 years.

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