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## **ProductInformation**

## **PETCM**

Product Number **P 0871** Store: Ambient

Chemical Name:  $\alpha$ -(Trichloromethyl)-4-pyridineethanol; 1-(4-Pyridyl)-2-hydroxy-3,3,3-trichloropropane

**Product Description** 

Molecular Formula: C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>NOCl<sub>3</sub> Molecular Weight: 240.5 PETCM is a small molecule activator of apoptosis identified by using high-throughput screening in a panel of cancer cells in culture. PETCM is a selective activator of caspase 3, which acts by inhibiting the oncoprotein, prothymosin- $\alpha$  (ProT), therefore stimulating apoptosome formation and followed by caspase 3 activation. ProT acts by preventing apoptosome formation, while PETCM antagonizes ProT inhibition of apoptosome formation, leading to the downstream activation of caspase 3.

## References

1. Jiang, et al., Distinctive roles of PHAP proteins and prothymosin- $\alpha$  in a death regulatory pathway. Science, **299**, 223-226 (2003).

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