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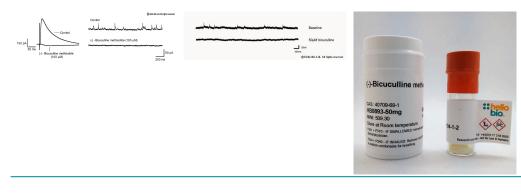


# **DATASHEET** (-)-Bicuculline methiodide

## **Product overview**

Name Cat No Alternative names Biological action Purity Customer comments	<ul> <li>(-)-Bicuculline methiodide</li> <li>HB0893</li> <li>BIC, BMI</li> <li>Antagonist</li> <li>&gt;98%</li> <li>Good quality product: (-)-Bicuculline methiodide is used routinely in our lab for a number of</li> <li>experiments. It is shipped quickly, packaged well, dissolves without problem, and blocks GABAA-receptor activity as it should! Verified customer, Sickkids foundation</li> </ul>
Description	We routinely use this compound from Hello Bio to inhibit GABA-A receptors in electrophysiological recordings from rodent brain slices. Verified customer, University of Montana Prototypic, competitive GABA <sub>A</sub> receptor antagonist

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# **Biological Data**

Biological description	Methiodide salt form of (+)-bicuculline.
	Prototypic, competitive GABA <sub>A</sub> receptor antagonist which displaces GABA from the agonist binding site to prevent receptor activation.
	Also acts as a negative allosteric inhibitor of channel opening to inhibit GABA <sub>A</sub> receptor activation by anaesthetic agents.
	Additionally shows activity at SK calcium-activated potassium channels, nicotinic acetylcholine receptors and acetylcholinesterase.
	Reversibly and competitively blocks GABA <sub>A</sub> receptor mediated currents. Widely used to isolate glutamate receptor mediated EPSCs (excitatory postsynaptic potentials).
	Shows convulsant action and induces epilepsy.
Application notes	Freebase, methochloride and methobromide salts also available. The GABA <sub>A</sub> receptor antagonist bicuculline is commonly used to reduce levels of inhibition by blocking

the actions of the neurotransmitter GABA. Bicuculline is commonly used at concentrations of 100 µM and above.

Bicuculline methiodide from Hello Bio reduces both spontaneous inhibitory post synaptic currents (IPSC) and evoked IPSCs (see Fig 1 above). It was effective at concentrations of 1 mM with complete receptor blockade at 100 µM.

#### #Protocol 1: Evoked and spontaneous inhibitory post synaptic currents (IPSCs)

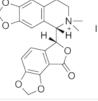
- Whole cell voltage clamp recordings were obtained from layer V neurons of the mouse prelimbic cortex brain slice.
- A stimulating electrode was placed in layers II/III and IPSCs were evoked by a single square (150 µs) pulse every 10 sec at a stimulus intensity that gave a reliable IPSC.
- IPSCs were evoked at a range of neuron holding voltages to measure the reversal potential of the current to ensure it was GABAergic.
- · Neurons were held at 0mV and IPSCs continuously stimulated and recorded in response to 5 min applications of varying concentrations of Bicuculline methiodide until complete receptor inhibition.
- Spontaneous IPSCs were recorded before and after addition of Bicuculline methiodide by holding the neuron at 0mV and recording for 10 sec.
- All recordings for IPSCs were made in the presence of AMPAR antagonists.

# Solubility & Handling

Storage instructions	Room temperature
Solubility overview	Soluble in water (20mM) or DMSO (50mM)
Handling	This compound is light sensitive; exposure to light may affect compound performance. We therefore
	recommend storing the solid material and any solutions in the dark and protecting from light.
Important	This product is for RESEARCH USE ONLY and is not intended for therapeutic or diagnostic use. Not
	for human or veterinary use.

## **Chemical Data**

[R-(R\*,S\*)]-5-(6,8-Dihydro-8-oxofuro[3.4-e **Chemical name** ]-1,3-benzodioxol-6-yl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-6,6-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolo[4,5-g]isoquinolinium iodide Molecular Weight 509.3 0 **Chemical structure** 



**Molecular Formula** C21H20INO6 40709-69-1 **CAS Number PubChem identifier** 104871 C[N+]1(CCC2=CC3=C(C=C2C1C4C5=C(C6=C(C=C5)OCO6)C(=O)O4)OCO3)C.[I-] Synthetic InChI=1S/C21H20NO6.HI/c1-22(2)6-5-11-7-15-16(26-9-25-15)8-13(11)18(22)19-12-3-4-14-20(27-1 0-24-14)17(12)21(23)28-19;/h3-4,7-8,18-19H,5-6,9-10H2,1-2H3;1H/q+1;/p-1/t18-,19+;/m0./s1 HKJKCPKPSSVUHY-GRTNUQQKSA-M **MDL** number MFCD00078966 Appearance Yellow solid

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