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DATASHEET Picrotoxin

Product overview

Name	Picrotoxin
Cat No	HB0506
Alternative names	PTX
Biological action	Antagonist
Purity	>98%
Customer comments	Getting on well with DHPG & picrotoxin – they do what they're supposed to! Professor Bruno
	Frenguelli, University of Warwick, UK

Description

Reasonable price and good working! **Verified customer, Seoul National University** Non-competitive GABA_A receptor antagonist

Images



Biological Data

Biological description

Application notes

Non-competitive GABA_A receptor antagonist. Also a glycine receptor inhibitor ($IC_{50} = 2.7 \mu M$). Acts as a convulsant and CNS stimulant. Active *in vivo*.

The GABA_A receptor antagonist Picrotoxin is commonly used to reduce the levels inhibition by blocking the actions of the neurotransmitter GABA. Picrotoxin from Hello Bio reduces both spontaneous inhibitory post synaptic currents (IPSC) and evoked IPSCs. It was effective at concentrations of 10 μ M, with complete receptor blockade at 100 μ M. For assay protocol, see #Protocol 1 in Application Notes below

#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 Gabazine until complete

receptor inhibition.

- Spontaneous IPSCs were recorded before and after addition of Gabazine 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 Solubility overview Important Room temperature Soluble in DMSO (100mM) and in ethanol (50mM, gentle warming) This product is for RESEARCH USE ONLY and is not intended for therapeutic or diagnostic use. Not for human or veterinary use.

Chemical Data

Molecular Weight

Molecular weight	602.59
Chemical structure	
Molecular Formula	C ₃₀ H ₃₄ O ₁₃
CAS Number	124-87-8
PubChem identifier	518601
SMILES	CC(=C)C1C2C3C4(C(C1C(=O)O2)(CC5C4(O5)C(=O)O3)O)C.CC12C3C4C(C(C1(CC5C2(O5)C(=O)O3)O)C(=O)O4)C(C)(C)O
InChi	InChI=1S/C15H18O7.C15H16O6/c1-12(2,18)6-7-10(16)20-8(6)9-13(3)14(7,19)4-5-15(13,22-5)11(17)21-9;1-5(2)7-8-11(16)19-9(7)10-13(3)14(8,18)4-6-15(13,21-6)12(17)20-10/h5-9,18-19H,4H2,1-3H3;6-10,18H,1,4H2,2-3H3
InChiKey	VJKUPQSHOVKBCO-UHFFFAOYSA-N
MDL number	MFCD00074824

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