

## DATASHEET

### CNQX disodium salt

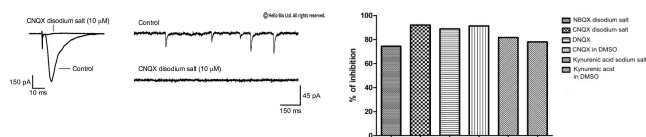
#### Product overview

<b>Name</b>	CNQX disodium salt
<b>Cat No</b>	HB0205
<b>Biological action</b>	Antagonist
<b>Purity</b>	>98%
<b>Customer comments</b>	<i>The CNQX is going fine ! Verified customer, IBPS, Inserm, CNRS</i>

*It works exactly as it should! Dissolved in water, kept in aliquots in -20 freezer. Verified customers, SickKids (University of Toronto)*

**Description** Potent, competitive AMPA / kainate receptor antagonist. Disodium salt.

#### Images



#### Biological Data

**Biological description** CNQX disodium salt is a water soluble, potent and competitive AMPA and kainate receptor antagonist. CNQX also antagonizes NMDA receptors at the glycine site.

CNQX increases GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor spontaneous postsynaptic currents (sPSCs) and also shows neuroprotective actions.

CNQX also available.

**Application notes** The AMPA receptor antagonist CNQX disodium salt is commonly used at concentrations of 10 μM to inhibit the actions of glutamate acting on AMPARs.

CNQX disodium salt from Hello Bio reduces both spontaneous and evoked EPSCs in cortical neurons at concentrations of 1 μM with full AMPA receptor blockade at 10 μM (see Fig 1 above).

#### #Protocol 1: Evoked and spontaneous excitatory post synaptic currents (EPSCs)

- Whole cell voltage clamp recordings were obtained from layer V neurons of the mouse prelimbic cortex brain slice.
- EPSCs were evoked via a stimulating electrode placed in layers II/III delivering a single square (150 μs) pulse every 10 sec at an intensity that gave a reliable EPSC.
- Neurons were held at -70 to -60 mV (the reversal potential of GABA currents).

EPSCs were continuously stimulated and recorded in response to 5 min applications of varying concentrations of CNQX disodium salt until complete receptor inhibition.

- Spontaneous EPSCs were recorded before and after addition of CNQX disodium salt by holding the neuron at -70 mV and recording for 10 sec.
- Recordings for EPSCs were made in the absence of GABA<sub>A</sub>-R antagonists.

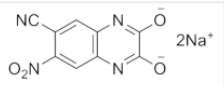
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## Solubility & Handling

<b>Storage instructions</b>	Room temperature (desiccate)
<b>Solubility overview</b>	Soluble in water (20mM)
<b>Handling</b>	Hydroscopic solid, contact with air may cause material to change colour and become sticky. Product performance should not be affected but we recommend storing the material in a sealed jar.
<b>Important</b>	This product is for RESEARCH USE ONLY and is not intended for therapeutic or diagnostic use. Not for human or veterinary use.

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## Chemical Data

<b>Chemical name</b>	6-Cyano-7-nitroquinoxaline-2,3-dione disodium
<b>Molecular Weight</b>	276.12
<b>Chemical structure</b>	
<b>Molecular Formula</b>	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Na <sub>2</sub>
<b>CAS Number</b>	479347-85-8
<b>PubChem identifier</b>	2821
<b>SMILES</b>	C1=C(C(=CC2=C1N=C(C(=N2)[O-])[O-])[N+](=O)[O-])C#N.[Na+].[Na+]
<b>Source</b>	Synthetic
<b>InChi</b>	InChI=1S/C9H4N4O4.2Na/c10-3-4-1-5-6(2-7(4)13(16)17)12-9(15)8(14)11-5;;/h1-2H,(H,11,14)(H,12,15);;/q;2*+1/p-2
<b>InChiKey</b>	YCXDDPGRZKUGDG-UHFFFAOYSA-L
<b>MDL number</b>	MFCD09953908
<b>Appearance</b>	Brown or yellow solid

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