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Concanavalin A (ConA)

Product overview

Name	Concanavalin A (ConA)
Cat No	HB6364
Alternative names	ConA, Con A
Biological action	Activator
Description	T-cell stimulating lectin

Biological Data

Biological description

Overview

Concanavalin A (also commonly known as ConA) is a mannose/glucose-binding lectin which irreversibly binds to glycoproteins on cell membranes causing the glycoprotein to internalize preferentially to the mitochondria to induce programmed cell death via autophagy.

Uses

Con A has a wide range of applications. It is a T-cell mitogen which is frequently used to stimulate / activate T-cells and activate the immune response.

ConA is often used to characterize glycoproteins and other glycan presenting cells and in addition, also agglutinates erythrocytes and a variety of cell types.

ConA shows various biological actions and can induce programmed cell death via mitochondria mediated apoptosis and autophagy.

ConA and **PMA** are often used in combination to stimulate DNA and protein synthesis at a greater extent than when applied individually.

Active in vivo.

Solubility & Handling

Storage instructions	-20 °C
Solubility overview	Soluble in water (10 mg/ml)

Chemical Data

CAS Number	11028-71-0
Source	Canavalia ensiformis
MDL number	MFCD00071069

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