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DATASHEET

Ethidium homodimer I

Product overview

Name	Ethidium homodimer I
Cat No	HB18482
Alternative names	Dead Cell Stain, EtDi, EthD-1
Biological description	Ethidium homodimer I (EthD-I) is a membrane-impermeable, high-affinity, nucleic acid stain. Selectively labels dead cells with compromised plasma membranes. Compatible with flow cytometry, fluorescence microscopy, and plate reader assays.
Applications	fluorescence imaging, live cell imaging
Purity	>90%
Description	Red fluorescent selective dead cell stain.

Solubility & Handling

Storage instructions	-20 °
Solubility overview	DMSO
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

Chemical name	5-[3-[2-[3-(3,8-diamino-6-phenylphenanthridin-5-i um-5-yl)propylamino]ethylamino]propyl]-6-phenylphenanthridin-5-i um-3,8-diamine;dichloride;dihydrochloride
Molecular Weight	856.8
Chemical structure	The chemical structure shows a complex polycyclic system. It features two phenanthridine rings fused at their 5-positions. Each ring has amino groups (NH2) at the 3 and 8 positions. There are also chlorine atoms (Cl-) and hydrogen atoms (H) attached to the rings. A central propylamino group (-NH-CH2-CH2-CH3) is linked to both rings via its nitrogen atom, which is also bonded to a chlorine atom.
Molecular Formula	C ₄₆ H ₅₀ Cl ₄ N ₈
CAS Number	61926-22-5
PubChem identifier	12328897
SMILES	C1=CC=C(C=C1)C2=C3C=C(C=CC3=C4C=CC(=CC4=[N+]2CCCNCCNCCC[N+]5=C6C=C(C=CC6=C7C=CC(=CC7=C5C8=CC=CC=C8)N)N)N)N.C1.Cl.Cl.[Cl-].[Cl-]
InChiKey	ZKAJUKABUUJRLB-UHFFFAOYSA-N
Appearance	Solid
Excitation	528 nm
Emission	618 nm

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