**Proteins** 

## Chloroquine phosphate

Cat. No.: HY-17589 CAS No.: 50-63-5

Molecular Formula:  $C_{18}H_{32}CIN_3O_8P_2$ 

515.86 Molecular Weight:

Target: Toll-like Receptor (TLR); Autophagy; HIV; SARS-CoV; Parasite; Antibiotic

Pathway: Immunology/Inflammation; Autophagy; Anti-infection

4°C, sealed storage, away from moisture and light

\* In solvent: -80°C, 6 months; -20°C, 1 month (sealed storage, away from moisture

and light)

**Product** Data Sheet

## **SOLVENT & SOLUBILITY**

In Vitro

Storage:

 $H_2O: \ge 33 \text{ mg/mL } (63.97 \text{ mM})$ 

DMSO: < 1 mg/mL (ultrasonic) (insoluble or slightly soluble)

\* "≥" means soluble, but saturation unknown.

Preparing Stock Solutions	Solvent Mass Concentration	1 mg	5 mg	10 mg
	1 mM	1.9385 mL	9.6926 mL	19.3851 mL
	5 mM	0.3877 mL	1.9385 mL	3.8770 mL
	10 mM	0.1939 mL	0.9693 mL	1.9385 mL

Please refer to the solubility information to select the appropriate solvent.

In Vivo

1. Add each solvent one by one: PBS

Solubility: 100 mg/mL (193.85 mM); Clear solution; Need ultrasonic and warming and heat to 60°C

## **BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY**

Description Chloroquine phosphate is an antimalarial and anti-inflammatory agent widely used to treat malaria and rheumatoid

arthritis. Chloroquine phosphate is an autophagy and toll-like receptors (TLRs) inhibitor. Chloroquine phosphate is highly

effective in the control of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) infection in vitro (EC<sub>50</sub>=1.13  $\mu$ M)<sup>[1][2][3][4]</sup>.

IC<sub>50</sub> & Target Plasmodium Malaria **TLRs** SARS-COV-2

HIV-1

In Vitro

Chloroquine (CHQ, 20 µM) inhibits IL-12p70 release and reduces Th1-priming capacity of activated human monocyte-derived Langerhans-like cells (MoLC). Chloroquine (CHQ, 20 μM) enhances IL-1-induced IL-23 secretion in MoLC and subsequently increases IL-17A release by primed CD4 $^+$ T cells<sup>[1]</sup>. Chloroquine (25  $\mu$ M) suppresses MMP-9 mRNA expression in normoxia and hypoxia in parental MDA-MB-231 cells. Chloroquine has cell-, dose- and hypoxia-dependent effects on MMP-2, MMP-9 and MMP-13 mRNA expression<sup>[2]</sup>. TLR7 and TLR9 inhibition using IRS-954 or chloroquine significantly reduces HuH7 cell proliferation in vitro<sup>[3]</sup>.

Chloroquine (0.01-100  $\mu$ M; 48 hours) potently blocks virus infection (vero E6 cells infected with SARS-CoV-2) at low-micromolar concentration (EC<sub>50</sub>= 1.13  $\mu$ M). Chloroquine blocks virus infection by increasing endosomal pH required for virus/cell fusion, as well as interfering with the glycosylation of cellular receptors of SARS-CoV<sup>[4]</sup>.

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In Vivo

Chloroquine (80 mg/kg, i.p.) does not prevent the growth of the triple-negative MDA-MB-231 cells with high or low TLR9 expression levels in the orthotopic mouse  $model^{[2]}$ . TLR7 and TLR9 inhibition using IRS-954 or chloroquine significantly inhibits tumour growth in the mouse xenograft model. HCC development in the DEN/NMOR rat model is also significantly inhibited by chloroquine  $^{[3]}$ .

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#### **PROTOCOL**

#### Cell Assay [2]

The cells are cultured in 6-well plates with normal culture medium in the presence of vehicle or 25 or 50  $\mu$ M chloroquine, until near confluency, after which they are rinsed with sterile phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) and cultured further for the indicated times in serum-free culture medium. At the desired time-points, the culture medium is discarded and the cells are quickly harvested in lysis buffer and clarified by centrifugation. Subsequent to boiling the supernatants in reducing sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS) sample buffer, equal amounts of protein (100  $\mu$ g) are loaded per lane and the samples are electrophoresed into 10 or 4-20% gradient polyacrylamide SDS gels, then transferred to a nitrocellulose membrane. To detect TLR9, the blots are incubated overnight at 4°C with anti-TLR9 antibodies, diluted 1:500 in Tris-buffered saline with 0.1% (v/v) Tween-20 (TBST). Equal loading is confirmed with polyclonal rabbit anti-actin. Secondary detection is performed with horseradish peroxidase-linked secondary antibodies. The protein bands are visualized by chemiluminescence using an ECL kit.

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# Animal Administration [2]

Control and TLR9 siRNA MDA-MB-231 cells  $(5\times10^5 \text{ cells in } 100~\mu\text{L})$  are inoculated into the mammary fat pads of four-week-old, immune-deficient mice (athymic nude/nu Foxn1). Treatments are started seven days after tumor cell inoculation. The mice are treated daily either with intraperitoneal (i.p.) chloroquine (80 mg/kg) or vehicle (PBS). The animals are monitored daily for clinical signs. Tumor measurements are performed twice a week and tumor volume is calculated according to the formula V= $(\pi/6)$  (d1×d2)<sup>3/2</sup>, where d1 and d2 are perpendicular tumor diameters. The tumors are allowed to grow for 22 days, at which point the mice are sacrificed and the tumors are dissected for a final measurement. Throughout the experiments, the animals are maintained under controlled pathogen-free environmental conditions (20-21°C, 30-60% relative humidity and a 12-h lighting cycle). The mice are fed with small-animal food pellets and supplied with sterile water ad libitum.

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## **CUSTOMER VALIDATION**

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