# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## Doxifluridine

Item No. 10253

CAS Registry No.: 3094-09-5

Formal Name: 5'-deoxy-5-fluoro-uridine Synonyms: 5-DFUR, Ro 21-9738

MF:  $C_9H_{11}FN_2O_5$ FW: 246.2 **Purity:** ≥98%

Supplied as: A crystalline solid  $\lambda_{max}$ : 269 nm UV/Vis.: -20°C Storage: Stability: ≥4 years

Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.

## **Laboratory Procedures**

Doxifluridine is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the doxifluridine in the solvent of choice. Doxifluridine is soluble in organic solvents such as DMSO and dimethyl formamide, which should be purged with an inert gas. The solubility of doxifluridine in these solvents is approximately 10 and 16 mg/ml, respectively.

Further dilutions of the stock solution into aqueous buffers or isotonic saline should be made prior to performing biological experiments. Ensure that the residual amount of organic solvent is insignificant, since organic solvents may have physiological effects at low concentrations. Organic solvent-free aqueous solutions of doxifluridine can be prepared by directly dissolving the crystalline solid in aqueous buffers. The solubility of doxifluridine in PBS, pH 7.2, is approximately 5 mg/ml. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

#### Description

Doxifluridine is an intermediary prodrug of fluorouracil (Item No. 14416), the pyrimidine analog that inhibits thymidylate synthase selectively in tumor cells, interfering with DNA synthesis. 1-4 Doxifluridine is one of two intermediary metabolites formed during metabolic conversion of the chemotherapeutic prodrug, capecitabine (Item No. 10487), to fluorouracil.4

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WARNING
THIS PRODUCT IS FOR RESEARCH ONLY - NOT FOR HUMAN OR VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

This material should be considered hazardous until further information becomes available. Do not ingest, inhale, get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Before use, the user must review the complete Safety Data Sheet, which has been sent via email to your institution.

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