# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## (+)-Blebbistatin

Item No. 13165

**Purity:** 

CAS Registry No.: 1177356-70-5

1,2,3,3a-tetrahydro-3aR-hydroxy-6-methyl-1-Formal Name:

phenyl-4H-pyrrolo[2,3-b]quinolin-4-one

Synonym: (R)-Blebbistatin MF:  $C_{18}H_{16}N_2O_2$ 292.3 FW: ≥98%

 $\lambda_{max}$ : 236, 270, 298, 418 nm UV/Vis.:

Supplied as: A crystalline solid

Storage: -20°C Stability: ≥4 years

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

## **Laboratory Procedures**

(+)-Blebbistatin is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the (+)-blebbistatin in an organic solvent purged with an inert gas, which should be purged with an inert gas. (+)-Blebbistatin is soluble in organic solvents such as DMSO and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of (+)-blebbistatin in these solvents is approximately 12.5 and 20 mg/ml, respectively.

(+)-Blebbistatin is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, (+)-blebbistatin should be dissolved in DMF and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. (+)-Blebbistatin has a solubility of approximately 0.5 mg/ml in a 1:1 solution of DMF:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

#### Description

(+)-Blebbistatin is the inactive enantiomer of (-)-blebbistatin (Item No. 13013), which is a selective inhibitor of non-muscle myosin II ATPases. 1,2 Prolonged exposure to blue light (450-490 nm) results in degradation of blebbistatin to an inactive product via cytotoxic intermediates, which may be problematic for its use in fluorescent live cell imaging applications.<sup>3,4</sup> (R)-nitro-Blebbistatin (Item No. 9001935) is a more stable form of (+)-blebbistatin.<sup>5</sup> The addition of a nitro group stabilizes the molecule to circumvent its degradation by prolonged blue light exposure. (R)-nitro-Blebbistatin has the same stereochemistry as the inactive (+)-blebbistatin enantiomer.

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

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