# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## **DNQX**

Item No. 14583

CAS Registry No.: 2379-57-9

Formal Name: 1,4-dihydro-6,7-dinitro-2,3-quinoxalinedione Synonyms: 6,7-Dinitroguinoxaline-2,3-dione, FG 9041

MF:  $C_8H_4N_4O_6$ FW: 252.1 **Purity:** ≥95%

UV/Vis.:  $\lambda_{max}$ : 273, 334 nm

A solid Supplied as: -20°C Storage: Stability: ≥2 years

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

### **Laboratory Procedures**

DNQX is supplied as a solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the DNQX in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. DNQX is soluble in organic solvents such as DMSO and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of DNQX in these solvents is approximately 5 and 12 mg/ml, respectively.

DNQX is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, DNQX should first be dissolved in DMF and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. DNQX 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

DNQX is a competitive, non-NMDA glutamate receptor antagonist (IC $_{50}$ s = 0.5 and 0.1  $\mu$ M for AMPA and kainate receptors, respectively versus IC $_{50}$  = 40  $\mu$ M for NMDA receptors). 1-3 This compound has been used to specifically target AMPA and kainate receptor responses and thus differentiate from that of NMDA receptors. DNQX does not stimulate a robust long-term potentiation in the hippocampus.<sup>4</sup>

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WARNING
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