# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## Wiskostatin

Item No. 15047

CAS Registry No.: 253449-04-6

Formal Name: 3,6-dibromo-a-[(dimethylamino)

methyl]-9H-carbazole-9-ethanol

MF:  $C_{17}H_{18}Br_{2}N_{2}O$ 

FW: 426.1 **Purity:** 

 $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ : 234, 241, 271, 303, 344, 359 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**

Wiskostatin is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the wiskostatin in the solvent of choice. Wiskostatin is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF), which should be purged with an inert gas. The solubility of wiskostatin in these solvents is approximately 0.25, 20, and 25 mg/ml, respectively.

Wiskostatin is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, wiskostatin should first be dissolved in DMF and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. Wiskostatin has a solubility of approximately 0.1 mg/ml in a 1:9 solution of DMF:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

#### Description

Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome proteins (WASPs) regulate the actin cytoskeleton by directly interacting with actin in the Arp2/3 complex. As a result, they have essential functions in diverse cellular processes, including phagocytosis, cell motility, and membrane trafficking.<sup>2</sup> Wiskostatin is a cell-permeable, selective inhibitor of neural WASP (N-WASP,  $IC_{50}$  = ~10  $\mu$ M).<sup>2</sup> It directly associates with the GTPase-binding domain of N-WASP, preventing its activation by Cdc42 and phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate.<sup>2</sup> By inhibiting N-WASP, wiskostatin interferes with membrane transport, endocytosis, and neurological development.<sup>3-5</sup>

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