

StemMACS™ SB431542

5 mg 2×5 mg 130-105-336 130-106-275

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1. Description

Components StemMACS™ SB431542. A small molecule

inhibitor of TGF- $\!\beta$ signaling.

Size 5 mg; 2×5 mg Product format White solid Molecular weight 384.39 CAS number 301836-41-9

Systematic name 4-[4-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-5-pyridin-2-yl-1H-

imidazol-2-yl]benzamide

Molecular formula C₂₂H₁₆N₄O₃

Structure

$$0 \longrightarrow N \longrightarrow 0$$

$$NH_2$$

Purity >98%

Solubility Soluble in DMSO.

Storage Store powder at -20 °C. After reconstitution,

store aliquots at -20 °C. Protect from light.

1.1 Background information

StemMACS™ SB431542 is a potent inhibitor of the TGF-beta, Activin and Nodal signaling pathway. SB431542 inhibits the activin receptor like kinases ALK4, ALK5, and ALK7 thereby preventing the phorphorylation of their downstream targets SMAD2 and SMAD3. The inhibition is selective and does not affect BMP signaling via the related kinases ALK1, ALK2, ALK3, and ALK6. In pluripotent stem cell research, SB431542 is used in combination with other small molecules to improve reprogramming and induce differentiation, e.g., into neural lineages.

2. Protocol

2.1 Preparation of stock solution

Effective concentrations of StemMACS $^{\sim}$ SB431542 for cell culture applications range from 2 μM to 10 μM . A 10 mM stock solution in DMSO will be appropriate for most applications and can be prepared as follows:

- 1. Reconstitute the entire vial contents by adding $1300~\mu L$ of pure DMSO. Warm to $37~^{\circ}C$ for 3-5 minutes to facilitate solubilization.
 - ▲ Note: The vial may have turned upside down during transportation. Gently tap prior to reconstitution to collect all powder at the bottom of the vial.
- Prepare appropriate aliquots and store at −20 °C. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.
 - ▲ Note: The DMSO concentration in culture should not exceed 0.5 %. Stock solutions of alternate concentration can be prepared using the following table. Add the solvent directly to the vial, it will hold up to 4 mL.

Desired stock	1 mM	2 mM	5 mM	10 mM
Volume of DMSO to add	Dilute 1:10 from a 10 mM stock	Dilute 1:5 from a 10 mM stock	2600 μL	1300 μL

2.2 Use in cell culture

- 1. Thaw aliquots at 37 °C as needed.
- To avoid precipitation, prewarm the cell culture media prior to adding the reconstituted compound.
- 3. Mix and filter the supplemented media through a $0.2\,\mu m$ low-protein binding filter.

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