

## Phenformin

## Chemical Properties

CAS No. : 114-86-3

Formula: C10H15N5

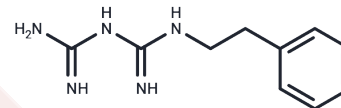
Molecular Weight: 205.26

Storage:

Keep away from direct sunlight, Store at low temperature, Keep away from moisture, Store under nitrogen

Powder: -20°C for 3 years | In solvent: -80°C for 1 year

Actual storage temperature shall be subject to the COA.



## Biological Description

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| Description   | Phenformin (BRN 1977317) is a biguanide compound with anticancer and anti-glycemic activity, inhibits skin tumor growth and promotes keratinocyte differentiation and apoptosis.   |
| Targets(IC50) | Apoptosis, Mitochondrial Metabolism, AMPK  |
| In vitro      | Phenformin acts by promoting phosphorylation and activation of AMPKalpha1 and AMPKalpha2 without altering the activity of the LKB1 gene [1]. In isolated hearts, Phenformin increased AMPK activity and phosphorylation levels, which correlated with increased AMPK activity and increased intracellular [AMP] [2]. Phenformin was 50 times more potent than Metformin and was able to inhibit mitochondrial complex I. In LKB1-deficient non-small cell lung cancer cell lines, the Phenformin was able to induce apoptosis. Phenformin (2 mM) also induced AMPK signaling and increased levels of P-AMPK and P-Raptor. Phenformin induced higher levels of cellular stress, which in turn triggered the induction of P-Ser51 eIF2α and its downstream target CHOP, which are late stage molecular markers of apoptosis. In chronically treated KLLuc mice, Phenformin induced survival and treatment response [3]. In H441 cells, Phenformin and AICAR increased AMPK activity in a dose-dependent manner, maximizing activation of the kinase at 5-10 mM and 2 mM concentrations. In H441 cell monolayers, Phenformin significantly reduced basal ion migration (measured as short-circuit current) by approximately 50%. Phenformin and AICAR significantly reduced amiloride-sensitive transmembrane Na ion transport compared to controls. Phenformin and AICAR inhibited amiloride-sensitive transmembrane Na ion transport in H441 cells by activating AMPK and inducing inhibition of sodium ion entry at the terminal and basolateral sides of ENaC cells via the Na <sup>+</sup> , K <sup>+</sup> ATPase [4]. In rats treated with Phenformin, their blood insulin levels tend to decrease (radioimmunoassay) [5]. |

## Solubility Information

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| Solubility | DMSO: Soluble,<br>(< 1 mg/ml refers to the product slightly soluble or insoluble) |
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### Preparing Stock Solutions

|       | 1mg       | 5mg        | 10mg       |
|-------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1 mM  | 4.8719 mL | 24.3593 mL | 48.7187 mL |
| 5 mM  | 0.9744 mL | 4.8719 mL  | 9.7437 mL  |
| 10 mM | 0.4872 mL | 2.4359 mL  | 4.8719 mL  |
| 50 mM | 0.0974 mL | 0.4872 mL  | 0.9744 mL  |

Please select the appropriate solvent to prepare the stock solution, according to the solubility of the product in different solvents. Please use it as soon as possible.

Note: The dilution table applies only to solid products. For liquid products, please calculate the stock solution based on the stated concentration and/or density.

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