# Data Sheet (Cat.No.T0189)



### Pemetrexed

#### **Chemical Properties**

CAS No.: 137281-23-3

Formula: C20H21N5O6

Molecular Weight: 427.41

Appearance: no data available

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

# **Biological Description**

Description	Pemetrexed (LY-231514 Disodium Hydrate), a guanine-derived antineoplastic agent, binds to and inhibits the enzyme thymidylate synthase (TS).			
Targets(IC50)	DHFR,DNA/RNA Synthesis,Antifolate,Autophagy			
In vitro	Pemetrexed (LY231514) disodium is a novel classical antifolate, the antitumor activity of which may result from simultaneous and multipie inhibition of several key folate-requiring enzymes via its polyglutamated metabolites. Pemetrexed (LY231514) is one of the best substrates that is known for the enzyme FPGS (Km=1.6 µM and Vmax/Km=621). It is likely that polyglutamation and the polyglutamated metabolites of LY231514 play profound roles in determining both the selectivity and the antitumor activity of this novel agent. Whereas LY231514 only moderately inhibits TS (Ki=340 nM, recombinant mouse), the pentaglutamate of LY231514 is 100-fold more potent (Ki=3.4 nM), making LY231514 one of the most potent folate-based TS inhibitors[1].			
In vivo	The group of mice treated with PC61 combined with Pemetrexed exhibited statistically significant longer survival compared to the groups treated with PC61 alone, rat IgG combined with Pemetrexed, or left untreated. Survival analysis further confirmed that the combination of PC61 and Pemetrexed resulted in significantly improved survival rates [2].			
Kinase Assay	AICARFT inhibition assays are carried out at room temperature by monitoring the formation of [6S]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrofolate from 10-formyl-[6R,S]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrofolate at A298. All solutions are purged with N2 gas prior to use. The reaction solution contains 33 mM Tris-Cl, pH 7.4, 25 mM KCl, 5 mM 2-Mercaptoethanol, 0.05 mM AICA ribonucleotide, and 16 nM (2 milliunits/mL) of AICARFT. 10-Formyl-[6R,S]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrofolate concentrations of 0.037, 0.074, and 0.145 mM are used (0.61, 1.23, and 2.45 times its Km value, respectively). LY231514 is tested as an inhibitor at 0.08-0.8 mM (four concentrations). When the tri- and pentaglutamates of LY231514 are used as inhibitors, the concentrations are 0.0005-0.009 mM (eight concentrations). Enzyme assays are initiated by the addition of enzyme. Data is analyzed using the ENZFITTER program for competitive inhibition.			
Cell Research	Pemetrexed is dissolved in DMSO and stored, and then diluted with cell culture medium before use[1]. Dose-response curves are generated to determine the concentration required for 50% inhibition of growth (IC50). Pemetrexed is dissolved initially in DMSO at a concentration of 4 mg/mL and further diluted with cell culture medium to the desired			

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concentration. CCRF-CEM leukemia cells in complete medium are added to 24-well Cluster plates at a final concentration of  $4.8\times104$  cells/well in a total volume of 2 mL. Test compounds at various concentrations are added to duplicate wells so that the final volume of DMSO is 0.5%. The plates are incubated for 72 h at 37°C in an atmosphere of 5% CO2 in air. At the end of the incubation, cell numbers are determined on a ZBI Coulter counter. Control wells usually contain  $4\times105$  to  $6\times105$  cells at the end of the incubation. For several studies, IC50s are determined for each compound in the presence of either 300  $\mu$ M AICA, 5  $\mu$ M thymidine, 100  $\mu$ M hypoxanthine, or combination of 5  $\mu$ M hymidine plus 100  $\mu$ M hypoxanthine[1].

## **Solubility Information**

Solubility	DMSO: 45 mg/mL (105.29 mM),
	(< 1 mg/ml refers to the product slightly soluble or insoluble)

#### **Preparing Stock Solutions**

	1mg	5mg	10mg
1 mM	2.3397 mL	11.6984 mL	23.3967 mL
5 mM	0.4679 mL	2.3397 mL	4.6793 mL
10 mM	0.234 mL	1.1698 mL	2.3397 mL
50 mM	0.0468 mL	0.234 mL	0.4679 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.

#### Reference

Shih C, et al. LY231514, a pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine-based antifolate that inhibits multiple folate-requiring enzymes. Cancer Res. 1997 Mar 15;57(6):1116-23.

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