## **Product** Data Sheet

## **Tacrolimus**

Cat. No.: HY-13756

CAS No.: 104987-11-3Molecular Formula:  $C_{44}H_{69}NO_{12}$ Molecular Weight: 804.02

Target: Phosphatase; FKBP; Autophagy; Bacterial; Antibiotic

Pathway: Metabolic Enzyme/Protease; Apoptosis; Autophagy; Immunology/Inflammation; Anti-

infection

Storage: 4°C, protect from light

\* In solvent: -80°C, 6 months; -20°C, 1 month (protect from light)

## **SOLVENT & SOLUBILITY**

In Vitro

DMSO:  $\geq 150 \text{ mg/mL} (186.56 \text{ mM})$ 

\* "≥" means soluble, but saturation unknown.

Preparing Stock Solutions	Solvent Mass Concentration	1 mg	5 mg	10 mg
	1 mM	1.2438 mL	6.2188 mL	12.4375 mL
	5 mM	0.2488 mL	1.2438 mL	2.4875 mL
	10 mM	0.1244 mL	0.6219 mL	1.2438 mL

Please refer to the solubility information to select the appropriate solvent.

In Vivo

- 1. Add each solvent one by one: 5% DMSO >> 40% PEG300 >> 5% Tween-80 >> 50% saline Solubility: 2.75 mg/mL (3.42 mM); Suspended solution; Need ultrasonic
- 2. Add each solvent one by one: 10% DMSO >> 40% PEG300 >> 5% Tween-80 >> 45% saline Solubility: ≥ 2.5 mg/mL (3.11 mM); Clear solution
- 3. Add each solvent one by one: 10% DMSO >> 90% (20% SBE- $\beta$ -CD in saline) Solubility: 2.5 mg/mL (3.11 mM); Suspended solution; Need ultrasonic
- Add each solvent one by one: 10% DMSO >> 90% corn oil Solubility: ≥ 2.5 mg/mL (3.11 mM); Clear solution

#### **BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY**

Description

Tacrolimus (FK506), a macrocyclic lactone, binds to FK506 binding protein (FKBP) to form a complex. Tacrolimus inhibits calcineurin phosphatase, which inhibits T-lymphocyte signal transduction and IL-2 transcription. Immunosuppressive properties<sup>[1]</sup>.

IC<sub>50</sub> & Target

Macrolide

Macrolide

#### In Vitro

Tacrolimus (FK506) inhibits calcium-dependent events, such as IL-2 gene transcription, NO synthase activation, cell degranulation, and apoptosis. Tacrolimus also potentiates the actions of glucocorticoids and progesterone by binding to FKBPs contained within the hormone receptor complex, preventing degradation. The agent may enhance expression of the TGFβ-1 gene in a fashion analogous to that demonstrated for CsA. T cell proliferation in response to ligation of the T cell receptor is inhibited by Tacrolimus<sup>[1]</sup>. Treatment with a low concentration of Tacrolimus (FK506,10  $\mu$ g/L) does not significantly affect the proliferation of MH3924A cells (P=0.135). Upon treatment with higher concentrations of Tacrolimus (100-1,000  $\mu$ g/L), the proliferation of MH3924A cells is significantly enhanced (P<0.01). Treatment with AMD3100 at any concentration (10, 50 or 100  $\mu$ g/L), has no obvious effect on MH3924A cell proliferation (P>0.05). However, when different concentrations of AMD3100 are combined with 100  $\mu$ g/L Tacrolimus, the in vitro proliferation of MH3924A cells is increased (P<0.01)<sup>[3]</sup>.

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#### In Vivo

The therapeutic effect of Tacrolimus is investigated on progression and perpetuation of colitis by administering Tacrolimus to Dextran sulfate sodium (DSS)-treated mice from Days 10 to 16 or to 23. At Days 17 and 24, colon length is significantly shortened, and colon weight is significantly higher in DSS-treated control animals than in normal animals. In addition, colon weight per unit length in the control group is more than twice that in the normal group. While both 7 and 14 d treatment with Tacrolimus significantly suppresses increases in colon weight per unit length in DSS-treated animals compared with the control group, this treatment does not actually restore the colon shortening. In addition, this inhibitory effect of Tacrolimus on increases in colon weight per unit length is more pronounced with 14-d than 7-d treatment, as shown by the inhibitory percentages (59% vs. 28%)<sup>[4]</sup>.

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#### **PROTOCOL**

#### Cell Assay [3]

Tumor cell proliferation is determined by the MTT assay. Briefly, after MH3924A cells have reached the logarithmic growth phase, a 0.2-mL cell suspension at  $1\times10^4$  cells/mL is added into each well of a 96-well plate and cultured in DMEM for 24 h. When adherent growth is established, different concentrations of Tacrolimus (10, 100 and 1,000  $\mu$ g/L), AMD3100 (10, 50 and 100  $\mu$ g/L) and Tacrolimus (0 and 100  $\mu$ g/L)+AMD3100 (0, 10, 50 and 100  $\mu$ g/L) are added into the plates. Untreated cells cultured in medium alone are used as controls. After culturing for 48 h, 10  $\mu$ L MTT (5 g/L) are added, and each well is incubated for 6 h; next, 150  $\mu$ L/well DMSO are added, followed by measurements of the absorbance at 570 mm on a spectrophotometer reader. Each well is measured three times, and each sample is assayed in triplicate<sup>[3]</sup>.

# Animal Administration [4]

## Mice<sup>[4]</sup>

Six-week-old male C57BL/6J mice are maintained in a temperature- and humidity-controlled room with a 12-h light-dark cycle. For the multiple dosing study, colitic mice (n=10) are orally administered Tacrolimus at 30 mg/kg for 7 d (Days 10 to 16) or 14 d (Days 10 to 23). Control (n=10) and normal groups (n=5) are administered placebo using the same regimen. Tacrolimus or placebo is administered at 10 mL/kg. Mice are euthanized by CO<sub>2</sub> inhalation on the day following the final dosing. For the single dosing study, colitic mice are orally administered Tacrolimus at 30 mg/kg or placebo (n=8) once on Day 7, 10, 17, or 24. Normal mice (n=4) are administered placebo using the same regimen. Mice are euthanized by CO<sub>2</sub> inhalation eight hours after dosing<sup>[4]</sup>.

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