# **Product** Data Sheet

# **Silvestrol**

Cat. No.: HY-13251 697235-38-4 CAS No.: Molecular Formula:  $C_{34}H_{38}O_{13}$ Molecular Weight: 654.66

Target: Eukaryotic Initiation Factor (eIF); Apoptosis; Autophagy

Pathway: Cell Cycle/DNA Damage; Apoptosis; Autophagy

Storage: Powder -20°C 3 years

4°C 2 years

-80°C In solvent 1 year

> -20°C 6 months

## **SOLVENT & SOLUBILITY**

In Vitro

DMSO:  $\geq$  6.6 mg/mL (10.08 mM)

 $H_2O: < 0.1 \text{ mg/mL (insoluble)}$ 

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

| Preparing<br>Stock Solutions | Solvent Mass<br>Concentration | 1 mg      | 5 mg      | 10 mg      |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                              | 1 mM                          | 1.5275 mL | 7.6376 mL | 15.2751 mL |
|                              | 5 mM                          | 0.3055 mL | 1.5275 mL | 3.0550 mL  |
|                              | 10 mM                         | 0.1528 mL | 0.7638 mL | 1.5275 mL  |

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

In Vivo

- 1. Silvestrol is formulated in 30% 2-hydroxypropyl-β-cyclodextrin<sup>[8]</sup>.
- 2. Silvestrol is prepared in 5.2% Tween 80 5.2% PEG  $400^{[6]}$ .
- 3. Silvestrol is dissolved in 20%(w/v) 2-hydroxyproply beta-cyclodextrin vehicle at a concentration of  $125 \mu g/mL$  and injected into mice i.p.<sup>[7]</sup>.

## **BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY**

| induces autophagy and caspase-mediated apoptosis | A (eIF4A) inhibitor isolated from Agave americana Linn Silvestrol 1][2][3] |
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| IC <sub>50</sub> & Target eIF4                   |  |

Silvestrol is a specific eIF4A-targeting translation inhibitor. Silvestrol exhibits significant cytotoxic activity against many human cancer cell lines, such as lung, prostate, and breast cancer with IC $_{50}$  values ranging from 1 to 7 nM $^{[1]}$ .

In Vitro

?Silvestrol significantly reduces the number of LNCaP cell colonies. Silvestrol (30 nM, 120 nM) induces apoptosis in LNCaP cells, through the mitochondrial pathway. Apaf-1, Caspase-2, caspase-9, and caspase-10 are involved in Silvestrol-induced apoptosis but caspase-3 and 7 are not<sup>[2]</sup>.

?Silvestrol induces caspase-3 activation and apoptotic cell death in a time- and dose-dependent manner. Silvestrol-mediated cell death is attenuated in ATG7-null mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) lacking a functional autophagy protein [3]

?Silvestrol (50 nM) exerts an immediate inhibitory effect and causes near-static cell index compared with the control cells. Silvestrol (6.25 nM) enhances proliferation more than the vehicle control-treated cells, whereas a higher concentration of Silvestrol (50 nM) can inhibit cell proliferation. Silvestrol and episilvestrol display synergistic effects in combination with CDDP<sup>[4]</sup>.

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#### In Vivo

Silvestrol (1.5 mg/kg, i.p.) does not adversely affect production of human IgG by xenografted B-lymphocytes in mice. Silvestrol significantly prolongs survival compared to vehicle. There is no such lymphocyte infiltration detected in the spleens of any of the Silvestrol-treated mice, and nor do these animals exhibit any other obvious signs of lymphoma upon necropsy<sup>[5]</sup>.

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### **PROTOCOL**

#### Cell Assay [2]

The cells are seeded at a density of  $7 \times 10^4$  cells/mL in 100-mm culture dishes and are treated with 30 nM or 120 nM concentrations of Silvestrol for 24 h<sup>[2]</sup>.

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# Animal Administration <sup>[5]</sup>

Mice<sup>[5]</sup>

Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) are injected intraperitoneally (IP) into SCID mice depleted of murine natural killer (NK) cells by pretreatment (plus weekly re-treatment) with anti-asialo (GM1). Engraftment is confirmed by hu-IgG ELISA. Treatments with vehicle (30% hydroxypropyl-β-cyclodextrin) or Silvestrol (1.5 mg/kg every 48 hr IP) begin 2 weeks post-engraftment<sup>[5]</sup>.

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### **CUSTOMER VALIDATION**

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