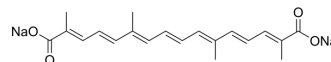


## Crocetin disodium

Cat. No.:	HY-16502
CAS No.:	591230-99-8
Molecular Formula:	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>22</sub> Na <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
Molecular Weight:	372.37
Target:	iGluR
Pathway:	Membrane Transporter/Ion Channel; Neuronal Signaling
Storage:	4°C, sealed storage, away from moisture * In solvent : -80°C, 6 months; -20°C, 1 month (sealed storage, away from moisture)



### SOLVENT & SOLUBILITY

#### In Vitro

H<sub>2</sub>O : ≥ 4.56 mg/mL (12.25 mM)  
 DMSO : < 1 mg/mL (insoluble or slightly soluble)  
 \* "≥" means soluble, but saturation unknown.

Preparing Stock Solutions	Solvent Concentration	Mass	1 mg	5 mg	10 mg
	1 mM		2.6855 mL	13.4275 mL	26.8550 mL
	5 mM		0.5371 mL	2.6855 mL	5.3710 mL
	10 mM		0.2686 mL	1.3428 mL	2.6855 mL

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

### BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

**Description** Crocetin (Transcrocetin) disodium, extracted from saffron (*Crocus sativus* L.), acts as an NMDA receptor antagonist with high affinity.

**IC<sub>50</sub> & Target** NMDA Receptor

**In Vitro** Crocetin (Transcrocetin, trans-Crocetin) disodium, a saffron metabolite originating from the crocin apocarotenoids, has been shown to exert strong NMDA receptor affinity and is thought to be responsible for the CNS activity of saffron. To ensure unchanged viability of Caco-2 cells throughout the transport experiments, cellular mitochondrial dehydrogenase activity of Caco-2 cells is measured by MTT assay after a 24 h incubation period with the test compounds: Hydroalcoholic saffron extract saffron extract (SE, 0.5-1 mg/mL) and crocin-1 (250-1000 μM) reveal no negative significant changes in cellular viability. Crocetin disodium at 10 μM level does not change viability while higher concentrations (40-160 μM) reduces significantly cellular viability<sup>[1]</sup>.

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## PROTOCOL

### Cell Assay <sup>[1]</sup>

Cytotoxicity of test compounds is determined by MTT assay using Caco-2 cells in 96 well plates at a density of 20.000 cells per well in 200 µl FBS-free medium, grown for 96 h and followed by 24 h contact time with the test compounds (100 µL of serum-free media containing SE 0.5, 1, and 2 mg/mL; trans-crocin-1 250, 500, and 1000 µM; Transcrocetin 10, 40, 80, and 160 µM) and incubation at 37°C/5% CO<sub>2</sub>. The incubation solutions are aspirated, each well is washed twice with 150 µL of PBS and 50 µL of MTT solution are added (2.5 mg/mL in PBS). Supernatants are discarded and the formed formazan is dissolved in 50 µL of DMSO. The absorption of the resulting solution is determined at λ=492 nm against reference wavelength λ=690 nm<sup>[1]</sup>.

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## REFERENCES

[1]. Lautenschläger M, et al. Intestinal formation of trans-Crocetin from saffron extract (*Crocus sativus* L.) and in vitro permeation through intestinal and blood brain barrier. *Phytomedicine*. 2015 Jan 15;22(1):36-44.

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