# **Atracurium**

Cat. No.: HY-B0292 CAS No.: 64228-79-1 Molecular Formula:  $C_{53}H_{72}N_2O_{12}^{2+}$ 

Molecular Weight: 929.14 nAChR Target:

Pathway: Membrane Transporter/Ion Channel; Neuronal Signaling

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Analysis.

**Product** Data Sheet

# **BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY**

Description

tracurium (BW-33A free acid) is a potent, competitive and non-depolarizing neuromuscular blocking agent. Atracurium also is an AChR receptor antagonist. Atracurium induces bronchoconstriction and neuromuscular blockade. Atracurium promotes astroglial differentiation<sup>[1][2][3][4][5]</sup>.

In Vitro

Atracurium (10 μM; 72 h) promotes astroglial but not neuronal differentiation in HSR040622 and HSR040821 cells<sup>[4]</sup>. Atracurium (10 μM; 48 h) reduces tumor engraftment and increases survival of mice xenotransplanted with ex-vivo treated GSCs<sup>[4]</sup>.

Atracurium (2.4 μM; 120 min) induces a complete fade of the tetanic contraction while only slightly affected the twitch in rat extensor digitorum longus muscle cells<sup>[5]</sup>.

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Cell Proliferation Assay<sup>[4]</sup>

| Cell Line:       | glioblastoma stem (GSC) cells  |
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| Concentration:   | 3, 10, 20 μΜ   |
| Incubation Time: | 72 h   |
| Result:          | Increased the percentage of GFP-positive cells in a dose-dependent manner from 5.3% in DMSO to 15.4%, 81.1%, and 86.8% in 3 $\mu$ M, 10 $\mu$ M, and 20 $\mu$ M, respectively. |

In Vivo

Attracurium (1, 5, 10, 20, 50 mg/kg; i.v.) induces bronchoconstriction in DBA/2 and SJL mice<sup>[2]</sup>.

Atracurium (4.8 mg/kg; i.v.) induces neuromuscular blockade in rats<sup>[3]</sup>.

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| Animal Model:   | 5-12 weeks, 15-20 g male mice <sup>[2]</sup>   |
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| Dosage:         | 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 mg/kg   |
| Administration: | l.v.   |
| Result:         | Induced bronchoconstriction and Atracurium-induced airway hyperresponsiveness in DBA/2 mice was eliminated in a dose-dependent manner by pretreatment with atropine or |

|                 | pancuronium.   |
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| Animal Model:   | $290\pm30$ g Male Sprague±Dawley rats (60 mg/kg heat-killed Corynebacterium<br>parvum for i.v.) $^{[3]}$ |
| Dosage:         | 4.8 mg/kg  |
| Administration: | l.v.   |
| Result:         | Induced neuromuscular blockade in Corynebacteriumparvum-injected rats.                                   |

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