# Benfluorex hydrochloride

Cat. No.: HY-B1058 CAS No.: 23642-66-2 Molecular Formula:  $C_{19}H_{21}ClF_3NO_2$ 

Molecular Weight: 387.82 Others Target: Pathway: Others

Storage: 4°C, sealed storage, away from moisture

\* In solvent: -80°C, 6 months; -20°C, 1 month (sealed storage, away from moisture)

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**Product** Data Sheet

# **SOLVENT & SOLUBILITY**

In Vitro

DMSO : ≥ 100 mg/mL (257.85 mM)

H<sub>2</sub>O: 2.27 mg/mL (5.85 mM; ultrasonic and warming and heat to 60°C)

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

Preparing Stock Solutions	Solvent Mass Concentration	1 mg	5 mg	10 mg
	1 mM	2.5785 mL	12.8926 mL	25.7852 mL
	5 mM	0.5157 mL	2.5785 mL	5.1570 mL
	10 mM	0.2579 mL	1.2893 mL	2.5785 mL

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

In Vivo

- 1. Add each solvent one by one: PBS
  - Solubility: 5.88 mg/mL (15.16 mM); Clear solution; Need ultrasonic and warming and heat to 60°C
- 2. Add each solvent one by one: 10% DMSO >> 40% PEG300 >> 5% Tween-80 >> 45% saline Solubility: ≥ 2.5 mg/mL (6.45 mM); Clear solution
- 3. Add each solvent one by one: 10% DMSO >> 90% (20% SBE-β-CD in saline) Solubility: ≥ 2.5 mg/mL (6.45 mM); Clear solution
- 4. Add each solvent one by one: 10% DMSO >> 90% corn oil Solubility: ≥ 2.5 mg/mL (6.45 mM); Clear solution

# **BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY**

Description	Benfluorex hydrochloride (JP-992 hydrochloride) is a hepatic nuclear factor 4 alpha (HNF4α) activator.
IC <sub>50</sub> & Target	$HNF4lpha^{[1]}$
In Vitro	Benfluorex hydrochloride consistently activates insulin promoter activity as measured by an increased number of GFP-

positive cells. Benfluorex hydrochloride increases the number of GFP-positive cells in a dose-responsive manner and increases the level of endogenous insulin mRNA. Consistent with being HNF4 $\alpha$  activator, Benfluorex hydrochloride stimulates HNF4 $\alpha$  expression. Benfluorex hydrochloride alters HNF4 $\alpha$  protease sensitivity, while the inactive control compound does not<sup>[1]</sup>. Benfluorex hydrochloride decreases, in a concentration-dependent manner, the synthesis of acid-soluble products and ketone bodies from oleate, whereas the production of <sup>14</sup>CO<sub>2</sub> into citric acid cycle is markedly increased by Benfluorex hydrochloride. Benfluorex hydrochloride inhibits in a dose-dependent manner the rates of gluconeogenesis from lactate/pyruvate (10/1 nM)<sup>[2]</sup>.

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#### **PROTOCOL**

Kinase Assay [1]

HepG2 cells are treated with DMSO or Benfluorex hydrochloride at a concentration of 20  $\mu$ M or 40  $\mu$ M for 16 hr. Total cell protein is extracted, measured by BCA protein assay. Each sample is split into two aliquots for proteolysis without (-) or with (+) Subtilisin. Twenty ug of cell lysate is incubated with or without protease (20 ng/mL subtilisin) for 35 minutes at room temperature. Western blot is then performed with primary anti-HNF4 $\alpha$  polyclonal antibody (1:1000 dilution) and secondary HRP conjugated anti-goat IgG (1:2000 dilution), detected with chemiluminescence ECL kit<sup>[1]</sup>.

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Cell Assay [2]

Hepatocytes are isolated by in situ perfusion of the liver with 0.025% collagenase. Hepatocytes (1 to  $2\times10^6$  cells/mL) are incubated at 37°C in 2 mL of oxygenated (O<sub>2</sub>:CO<sub>2</sub>; 95:5) Krebs-Henseleit bicarbonate buffer (pH 7.4) for 1 h in a gyratory shaking water bath. Benfluorex hydrochloride is dissolved in DMSO and added (10  $\mu$ L) to the incubation medium at a final concentration of 0.1 or 1 nM<sup>[2]</sup>.

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## **CUSTOMER VALIDATION**

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- Biochem Pharmacol. 6 August 2022, 115198.
- Virol J. 2021 Sep 28;18(1):196.
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[2]. Kohl C, et al. Effects of benfluorex on fatty acid and glucose metabolism in isolated rat hepatocytes: from metabolic fluxes to gene expression. Diabetes. 2002 Aug;51(8):2363-8.

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