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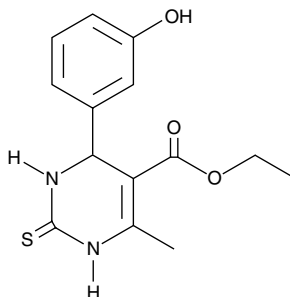
Product Information



Monastrol

Item No. 15044

CAS Registry No.: 329689-23-8
Formal Name: 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-4-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2-thioxo-5-pyrimidinecarboxylic acid, ethyl ester
MF: C₁₄H₁₆N₂O₃S
FW: 292.4
Purity: ≥98%
Stability: ≥2 years at -20°C
Supplied as: A crystalline solid
UV/Vis.: λ_{max}: 310 nm



Laboratory Procedures

For long term storage, we suggest that monastrol be stored as supplied at -20°C. It should be stable for at least two years. Monastrol is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the monastrol in the solvent of choice. Monastrol is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF), which should be purged with an inert gas. The solubility of monastrol in these solvents is approximately 1, 14, and 20 mg/ml, respectively.

Monastrol is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, monastrol should first be dissolved in DMF and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. Monastrol has a solubility of approximately 0.5 mg/ml in a 1:1 solution of DMF:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

Monastrol is a reversible, cell-permeable inhibitor of the motor protein Eg5 (kinesin family protein 11, Kif11), blocking basal ATPase activity *in vitro* (IC₅₀ = 6.1 μM) and inducing the formation of monoastrol spindles in cell-based assays (IC₅₀ = 51.3 μM).¹⁻² It arrests cells in mitosis without targeting tubulin and, as a result, does not interfere with microtubule dependent processes.³ Monastrol induces activation of the spindle assembly checkpoint and the resulting mitotic arrest can lead to cell death in certain tumor cell lines.⁴

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