PRODUCT INFORMATION



Veratramine

Item No. 11724

CAS Registry No.: 60-70-8

Formal Name: 5S-methyl-2S-[1S-

> [2,3S,4,6,6aR,11,11aS,11bR-octahydro-3R-hydroxy-10,11b-dimethyl-1H-benzo[a]

fluoren-9-yl]ethyl]-3-piperidinol

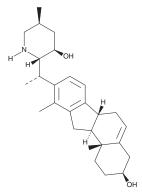
Synonyms: NSC 17821, NSC 23880

MF: C₂₇H₃₉NO₂ FW: 409.6 **Purity:** ≥95%

Supplied as: A crystalline solid

Storage: -20°C Stability: ≥4 years

Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.



Laboratory Procedures

Veratramine is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the veratramine in the solvent of choice. Veratramine is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide, which should be purged with an inert gas. The solubility of veratramine in these solvents is approximately 5, 10, and 0.3 mg/ml, respectively.

Veratramine is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, veratramine should first be dissolved in DMSO and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. Veratramine has a solubility of approximately 0.3 mg/ml in a 1:2 solution of DMSO:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

Description

The hedgehog (Hh) signaling pathway, which is blocked by cyclopamine (Item No. 11321), plays a key role in morphogenesis and has potential applications in the treatment of cancer. 1-3 Veratramine, a teratogenic steroidal alkaloid isolated from the corn lily (Veratrum sp.), is an analog of cyclopamine that can inhibit the Hh signaling-dependent proliferation of NIH/3T3 cells at 8 μ M.⁴ Additionally, veratramine has anti-thrombotic activity as it dose dependently inhibits platelet aggregation in rabbits ex vivo. While it may be most useful as a signal transduction inhibitor for treating tumors, veratramine also induces serotonin release and inhibits its re-uptake in the CNS.^{5,6}

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