# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## 3-(4-Pyridyl)indole

Item No. 17922

**CAS Registry No.:** 7272-84-6

Formal Name: 3-(4-pyridinyl)-1H-indole

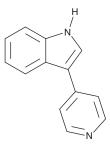
Synonyms: Rho Kinase Inhibitor III, ROCK Inhibitor III,

MF:  $C_{13}H_{10}N_2$ 194.2 FW: ≥98% **Purity:** 

UV/Vis.:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ : 221, 314 nm 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**

3-(4-Pyridyl)indole is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the 3-(4-pyridyl)indole in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. 3-(4-pyridyl)indole is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of 3-(4-pyridyl)indole in ethanol and DMF is approximately 30 mg/ml and 20 mg/ml in DMSO.

3-(4-Pyridyl)indole is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, 3-(4-pyridyl)indole should first be dissolved in ethanol and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. 3-(4-Pyridyl)indole has a solubility of approximately 0.5 mg/ml in a 1:1 solution of ethanol:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

### Description

Two Rho-associated kinases (ROCK), ROCK1 and ROCK2, act downstream of the G protein Rho to regulate cytoskeletal stability. The ROCKs play important roles in diverse cellular functions including cell adhesion and proliferation, smooth muscle contraction, and stem cell renewal.<sup>1-3</sup> 3-(4-Pyridyl)indole is a ROCK1 inhibitor (IC<sub>50</sub> = 25  $\mu$ M) that promotes cell spreading, inhibits membrane blebbing, and induces dissolution of actin stress fibers in a wound healing assay.<sup>4</sup> It also inhibits ROCK2 and PRK2, another Rho-dependent kinase, with similar potency, while inhibiting MSK-1 and PKA with relatively weaker potency.4

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WARNING
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