# PRODUCT INFORMATION



# **Picrotin**

Item No. 21870

CAS Registry No.: 21416-53-5

Formal Name: (1aR,2aR,3S,6R,6aS,8aS,8bR,9S)-hexahydro-

> 2a-hydroxy-9-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)-8bmethyl-3,6-methano-8H-1,5,7-trioxacyclopenta[ij]

cycloprop[a]azulene-4,8(3H)-dione

MF:  $C_{15}H_{18}O_7$ 310.3 FW: **Purity:** ≥98%

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.



Picrotin is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the picrotin in the solvent of choice. Picrotin is soluble in organic solvents such as DMSO and dimethyl formamide, which should be purged with an inert gas. The solubility of picrotin in these solvents is approximately 30 mg/ml.

Picrotin is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, picrotin should first be dissolved in DMSO and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. Picrotin has a solubility of approximately 0.1 mg/ml in a 1:9 solution of DMSO:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

### Description

Picrotin is a natural picrotoxane that antagonizes glycine receptors (GlyRs; IC $_{50}$ s = 57 and 117  $\mu$ M for  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  homodimeric GlyRs, respectively). It also inhibits  $\alpha_3$  homodimeric GlyRs. Picrotin is inactive in inhibiting  $\gamma$ -aminobutyric acid (GABA) type A and type C receptors. Picrotin occurs in the natural plant-derived poison picrotoxin (Item No. 20771), equimolar with picrotoxinin.

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WARNING
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