# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## Dihydrotetrabenazine

Item No. 27182

CAS Registry No.: 3466-75-9

Formal Name: 1,3,4,6,7,11b-hexahydro-9,10-

dimethoxy-3-(2-methylpropyl)-2H-

benzo[a]quinolizin-2-ol

Synonyms: DTBZ,

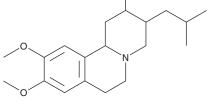
trans-(2,3)-Dihydro Tetrabenazine

MF:  $C_{19}H_{29}NO_3$ FW: 319.4

**Purity:** ≥98% (mixture of isomers)

Supplied as: A 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**

Dihydrotetrabenazine is supplied as a solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the dihydrotetrabenazine in the solvent of choice. Dihydrotetrabenazine is soluble in organic solvents such as methanol and chloroform, which should be purged with an inert gas.

#### Description

Dihydrotetrabenazine is an active metabolite of the vesicular monoamine transporter 2 (VMAT2) inhibitor tetrabenazine (Item No. 20380) that is generated by hepatic carbonyl reductases. Dihydrotetrabenazine binds to mouse pons medulla, hypothalamus, and striatum ( $K_ds = 2.72$ , 2.28, and 2.4 nM, respectively) and inhibits synaptic vesicular serotonin (5-HT) uptake ( $IC_{50}s = 2.2$ , 2.8, and 2.3 nM, respectively).<sup>2</sup> It also binds to human caudate nucleus, hippocampus, and substantia nigra pars compacta (K<sub>d</sub>s = 2.9, 2.5, and 2.8 nM, respectively).<sup>3</sup> Dihydrotetrabenazine stereoisomers bind to VMAT2 in rat striatum.<sup>4</sup>

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WARNING
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