Store at -20C

**FK-506** 

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## **Background**

The calcium dependent protein phosphatase calcineurin is responsible for the de-phosphorylation of the transcriptional regulator nuclear factor of activated T cells (NFAT) and is essential for NFAT's nuclear translocation and activation (1,2). Calcineurin is a target of two common immunosuppressants, cyclosporin A (CsA) (3) and FK-506 (also know as tacrolimus and fugimycin) (4), both of which can inhibit antigen and mitogen triggered T cell activation. These drugs interact with the immunophilins cyclophilin and FKBP-12, respectively, and the immunophilin-drug complex binds to calcineurin to inhibit substrate binding (5). FK-506 can be up to 100-fold more potent than CsA in various models (6-8)

Molecular FormulaC44H69NO12Molecular Weight804.02 g/mol

Purity >99%

CAS 104987-11-3

**Solubility** Soluble in DMSO and EtOH at 100mg/ml.

**Storage** Store lyophilized or in solution at -20°C, desiccated. Protect from light. In lyophilized form, the chemical

is stable for 24 months. Once in solution, use within 3 months to prevent loss of potency. Aliquot to

avoid multiple freeze/thaw cycles.

**Directions for Use** FK-506 is supplied as a 10 mg powder. Store at -20°C. FK-506 is soluble in DMSO and EtOH at 100mg/ml,

and stock solutions should be stored at -20°C. Working concentrations and length of treatment can

vary depending on the desired effect, but it is typically used between 1 and 10 nM.

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