

## **Triptolide**

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**Background** Triptolide is an immunosuppressive and anti-inflammatory compound produced by the thunder god

vine, *Tripterygium wilfordii* Hook F (1). Covalent binding of Triptolide to human XPB/ERCC3 inhibits its DNA-dependent ATPase activity and prevents nucleotide excision repair by the TFIIH complex (2). Triptolide has proven to be an effective synergistic therapy for inhibition of pancreatic cancer cell growth, with  $IC_{50}$  values of 0.01  $\mu$ M and 0.02  $\mu$ M in Capan-1 and Capan-2 adenocarcinoma cells, respectively (3,4). In addition to its anti-tumor activity, Triptolide has shown antiviral efficacy in HIV-1

and dengue virus via inhibition of Tat protein and COX-2, respectively (5,6).

Molecular Formula C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>6</sub>
Molecular Weight 360.4 g/mol

Purity >98%

CAS 38748-32-2

**Solubility** Soluble in DMSO at 7 mg/ml.

**Storage** Store lyophilized at -20°C, desiccated. In lyophilized form, the chemical is stable for 24 months. Once in

solution, store at -20°C and use within 1 month to prevent loss of potency. *Aliquot to avoid multiple* 

freeze/thaw cycles.

**Directions for Use**Triptolide is supplied as a lyophilized powder. For a 10 mM stock, reconstitute 5 mg of powder in 1.38

ml of DMSO. Working concentrations and length of treatment can vary depending on the desired

effect.

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