Rapamycin

**Background:** Rapamycin is a bacterial macrolide with antifungal and immunosuppressant activities (1). Rapamycin forms a complex with the immunophilin FKBP12 which then inhibits the activity of FRAP/mTOR (TOR in yeast) (2,3). Rapamycin treatment of cells leads to the dephosphorylation and inactivation of p70 S6 kinase. Rapamycin also leads to the dephosphorylation of 4E-BP1/PHAS1, thereby promoting its binding to and inactivation of eIF4E (4,5). This activity has been shown to be the basis for Rapamycin’s ability to block protein synthesis and to arrest cell cycle progression in the G1-phase (6,7). However, it has been suggested that Rapamycin’s inhibition of the G1/S transition may be the consequence of its effect on cyclin D1 mRNA and protein stability (8).

**Molecular Formular:**
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C_{51}H_{79}NO_{13}\]

**Molecular Weight:** 914.2 g/mol

**Directions for Use:** Rapamycin is supplied as a lyophilized powder. For a 100 µM stock, resuspend 10 nmol (9.1 µg) in 100 µl ethanol or DMSO. For experiments with cultured cells, CST recommends pretreating with 10 nM of this inhibitor for one hour prior to stimulation.

See enclosed Material Safety Data Sheet or refer to our website for further information.

**Storage:** Store lyophilized or in solution at -20°C, desiccated. 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.

**Background References:**
# Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for FRAP/mTOR Inhibitor (Rapamycin)

## I. Identification:

**Product name:** FRAP/mTOR Inhibitor (Rapamycin)  
**Product Catalog:** 9904  
**CAS number:** 53123-88-9  
**Manufacturer Supplier:** Cell Signaling Technology  
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## II. Composition/Information on Ingredients:

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<th>Chemical Name</th>
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<td>Synommys</td>
<td>(-)-Rapamycin, AY 22989, Antibiotic AY 22989, CCRIS 9024, HSDB 7284, NSC 226080, Rapamune, SILA 9268A, Sirolimus, WY-090217.</td>
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## III. Hazard Identification:

**Caution:** Avoid contact and inhalation.  
May cause irritation to eyes, skin, mucous membranes. Rapamycin is a potent immunosuppressant; and possesses both antifungal and antineoplastic properties.

## IV. First Aid Measures:

**Inhalation:** If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, get medical attention.  
**Ingestion:** If swallowed, wash out mouth with water provided person is conscious. Get medical attention.  
**Skin exposure:** In case of contact, wash skin with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.  
**Eye exposure:** In case of contact with eyes, immediately flush eyes water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

## V. Fire Fighting Measures:

**Flash Point:** NA  
**Autoignition Temperature:** NA  
**Flammability:** NA  
**Fire extinguishing media:** Water spray, dry chemical, alcohol foam, or carbon dioxide.  
**Firefighting:** Wear protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus to prevent contact with skin and eyes.

## VI. Accidental Release Measures:

**Take appropriate precautions to minimize direct contact with skin, eyes, mucous membranes, and prevent inhalation of dust.** Sweep up carefully to avoid raising dust and transfer to a chemical waste container for disposal according to local, state, and federal regulations. Ventilate area and wash spill site after material pickup is complete.

## VII. Handling And Storage:

Do not breathe vapor. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Material may be an irritant.

## VIII. Exposure Controls/Personal Protection:

**Engineering Controls:** Maintain adequate ventilation, eye wash and quick-drench facilities in work area.  
**Personal Protective Equipment:** Lab coat, chemical resistant gloves and chemical safety glasses, NIOSH/MSHA approved respirator.  
**Occupational Exposure Limits:** Data not available

## IX. Physical And Chemical Properties:

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<td><strong>Appearance</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Odor</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Melting Point</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Danger of Explosion</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Solubility</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Organic Solvents</strong></td>
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## X. Stability and Reactivity:

**Stability:** Stable if stored as directed.  
**Hazardous Decomposition:** May form carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen oxides.  
**Conditions to avoid:** Light, heat, strong oxidizing agents.

## XI. Toxicological Information:

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May cause skin or eye irritation.  
May be toxic if absorbed through skin or ingested.  
**Target Organs:** Immune system (immunosuppressant)  

## XII. Ecological Information:

No data available.

## XIII. Disposal Considerations:

Dispose of in accordance with federal, state and local environmental regulations.

## XIV. Transport Information:

**D.O.T.**  
**Proper Shipping Name:** None  
This substance is considered non-hazardous for transport.  
**IATA**  
**Proper Shipping Name:** None  
This substance is considered non-hazardous for transport.

## XV. Regulatory Information:

This product is not classified/controlled according to EU, WHMIS, USA.

## XVI. Other Information:

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