

DNA Methyltransferase Inhibitor – RG108

Chemical Name: (S)-2-(1,3-dioxoisoindolin-2-yl)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)propanoic acid



Molecular Weight:	334.33
Formula:	$C_{19}H_{14}N_2O_4$
Purity:	≥98%
CAS#:	48208-26-0
Solubility:	DMSO up to 100 mM
Storage	Powder: 4 °C 1 year
	DMSO: 4 °C 3 months
	-20 °C 1 year

Biological Activity:

RG108 is a potent, selective and cell permeable inhibitor of DNA methyltransferase. Unlike 5-azaC, RG108 is not a nucleoside and therefore does not modify DNA. It binds to the enzyme active site and inhibits DNMT enzymatic activity with an $IC_{50} \sim 115$ nM. It inhibits DNA methylation in human cancer cell lines in vitro without detectable toxicity. Treatment with RG108 results in the demethylation of genomic DNA and can reactivate epigenetically silenced tumor suppressor genes. It has been shown to improve the reprogramming efficiency of mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) into induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells. RG108 can potentially be used to maintain embryonic stem (ES) cells in an undifferentiated state as well as replace transcription factors in both mouse and human cell reprogramming.

How to Use:

In vitro: RG108 was used at 10-100 µM final concentration in various in vitro assays.

In vivo: n/a

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