

# **Data Sheet**

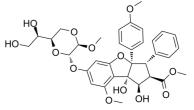
Product Name: Silvestrol
Cat. No.: CS-0543
CAS No.: 697235-38-4
Molecular Formula: C34H38O13
Molecular Weight: 654.66

Target: Apoptosis; Autophagy; Eukaryotic Initiation Factor (eIF)

Pathway: Apoptosis; Autophagy; Cell Cycle/DNA Damage

Solubility: H2O :  $< 0.1 \text{ mg/mL (insoluble)}; DMSO : <math>\ge 6.6 \text{ mg/mL (}10.08 \text{ })$ 

mM)



# **BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY:**

Silvestrol is a eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4A (eIF4A) inhibitor isolated from the fruits and twigs of Aglaia foveolata. Silvestrol induces autophagy and caspase-mediated apoptosis<sup>[1][2][3]</sup>. IC50 & Target: eIF4A<sup>[1]</sup> In Vitro: Silvestrol is a specific eIF4A-targeting translation inhibitor. Silvestrol exhibits significant cytotoxic activity against many human cancer cell lines, such as lung, prostate, and breast cancer with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 1 to 7 nM<sup>[1]</sup>.

Silvestrol significantly reduces the number of LNCaP cell colonies. Silvestrol (30 nM, 120 nM) induces apoptosis in LNCaP cells, through the mitochondrial pathway. Apaf-1, Caspase-2, caspase-9, and caspase-10 are involved in Silvestrol-induced apoptosis but caspase-3 and 7 are not<sup>[2]</sup>.

Silvestrol induces caspase-3 activation and apoptotic cell death in a time- and dose-dependent manner. Silvestrol-mediated cell death is attenuated in ATG7-null mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) lacking a functional autophagy protein<sup>[3]</sup>.

Silvestrol (50 nM) exerts an immediate inhibitory effect and causes near-static cell index compared with the control cells. Silvestrol (6.25 nM) enhances proliferation more than the vehicle control-treated cells, whereas a higher concentration of Silvestrol (50 nM) can inhibit cell proliferation. Silvestrol and episilvestrol display synergistic effects in combination with CDDP<sup>[4]</sup>. **In Vivo**: Silvestrol (1.5 mg/kg, i.p.) does not adversely affect production of human IgG by xenografted B-lymphocytes in mice. Silvestrol significantly prolongs survival compared to vehicle. There is no such lymphocyte infiltration detected in the spleens of any of the Silvestrol-treated mice, and nor do these animals exhibit any other obvious signs of lymphoma upon necropsy<sup>[5]</sup>.

# PROTOCOL (Extracted from published papers and Only for reference)

Cell Assay: [2]The cells are seeded at a density of  $7 \times 10^4$  cells/mL in 100-mm culture dishes and are treated with 30 nM or 120 nM concentrations of Silvestrol for 24 h[2].

Animal Administration: Silvestrol is formulated in 30% hydroxypropyl-β-cyclodextrin<sup>[5]</sup>.<sup>[5]</sup>Mice<sup>[5]</sup>

Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) are injected intraperitoneally (IP) into SCID mice depleted of murine natural killer (NK) cells by pretreatment (plus weekly re-treatment) with anti-asialo (GM1). Engraftment is confirmed by hu-IgG ELISA. Treatments with vehicle (30% hydroxypropyl-β-cyclodextrin) or Silvestrol (1.5 mg/kg every 48 hr IP) begin 2 weeks post-engraftment<sup>[5]</sup>.

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# **CAIndexNames**:

1H-Cyclopenta[b]benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid, 6-[[(2S,3R,6R)-6-[(1R)-1,2-dihydroxyethyl]-3-methoxy-1,4-dioxan-2-yl]oxy]-2,3,3a,8b-tetrahydro-1,8b-dihydroxy-8-methoxy-3a-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-phenyl-, methyl ester, (1R,2R,3S,3aR,8bS)-

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