

# **Data Sheet**

Product Name: Firocoxib

Cat. No.: CS-3419

CAS No.: 189954-96-9

Molecular Formula: C17H20O5S

Molecular Weight: 336.40

Target: COX

Pathway: Immunology/Inflammation

Solubility: DMSO :  $\geq$  52 mg/mL (154.58 mM)

### **BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY:**

Firocoxib (ML 1785713) is a potent, selective and orally active **COX-2** inhibitor with an **IC**<sub>50</sub> of 0.13  $\mu$ M. Firocoxib shows 58-fold more selective for **COX-2** than COX-1 (IC<sub>50</sub> of 7.5  $\mu$ M). Firocoxib has anti-inflammatory effects<sup>[1]</sup>. **In Vitro**: The COX-1:COX-2 selectivity ratios generally are established by comparing the IC<sub>50</sub> for COX-1 to the IC<sub>50</sub> for COX-2. The IC<sub>80</sub> value more closely resembles the steady-state plasma drug concentration than does the IC<sub>50</sub> value<sup>[1]</sup>.

The selectivity ratio for Firocoxib based on the IC<sub>80</sub> values is 121 (IC<sub>80</sub> of 0.36  $\mu$ M and 43.6  $\mu$ M for COX-2 and COX-1, respectively), indicating that selectivity for COX-2 is not reduced at concentrations higher than the IC<sub>50</sub>. Notably, Firocoxib concentrations that yield 80% to 95% inhibition of COX-2 produce < 20% inhibition of COX-1<sup>[1]</sup>. **In Vivo**: Firocoxib (0.75-1.5mg/kg; oral gavage; female domestic shorthair cats) treatment efficacious in attenuating fever when administered to cats 1 or 14 hours before LPS challenge<sup>[1]</sup>. Pharmacokinetic properties of Firocoxib are determined after i.v. (2 mg/kg) and oral (3 mg/kg) administration in male cats. Firocoxib has moderate to high oral bioavailability (54% to 70%), low plasma clearance (4.7 to 5.8 mL/min/kg), and an elimination half-life of 8.7 to 12.2 hours<sup>[1]</sup>.

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

Animal administration [3] Ten Holstein calves (males and females) with a mean SD weight of 44.5 kg and age of 20.7 days for period one and 55.5 kg and age of 34.7 days for period two were included in this study. All calves were determined healthy by a physical examination and normal findings on a complete blood count and serum chemistry. A parallel design using the same animals (n = 10) with two treatment periods separated by a 14-day washout period was utilized for this investigation. During the first period, study animals received firocoxib (0.5 mg/kg) intravenously. Following the washout period, during the second study period, animals were given firocoxib orally at the same dose (actual dose 0.5 mg/kg; 0.48-0.52 mg/kg) and subsequently cautery dehorned.

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## **CAIndexNames**:

2(5H)-Furanone, 3-(cyclopropylmethoxy)-5,5-dimethyl-4-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-

## **SMILES:**

O = C1OC(C)(C)C(C2 = CC = C(S(=O)(C) = O)C = C2) = C1OCC3CC3

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