**Data Sheet**

**Product Name:** Pemetrexed (disodium)

**Cat. No.:** HY-10820A

**CAS No.:** 150399-23-8

**Molecular Formula:** C_{20}H_{19}N_{5}Na_{2}O_{6}

**Molecular Weight:** 471.37

**Target:** Antifolate; Autophagy

**Solubility:** H_{2}O: 11.19 mg/mL (Need ultrasonic and warming)

**BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY:**

Pemetrexed disodium is a novel antifolate, the \( K_i \) values of the pentaglutamate of LY231514 are 1.3, 7.2, and 65 nM for inhibits thymidylate synthase (TS), dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR), and glycinamide ribonucleotide formyltransferase (GARFT), respectively. IC50 & Target: \( K_i: 1.3 \text{ nM (TS), 7.2 \text{ nM (DHFR), 65 \text{ nM (GARFT)}} \]

**In Vitro:** Pemetrexed (LY231514) disodium is a novel classical antifolate, the antitumor activity of which may result from simultaneous and multipie inhibition of several key folate–requiring enzymes via its polyglutamated metabolites. Pemetrexed (LY231514) is one of the best substrates that is known for the enzyme FPGS (\( K_m=1.6 \text{ μM and } V_{max}/K_m=621 \)). It is likely that polyglutamation and the polyglutamated metabolites of LY231514 play profound roles in determining both the selectivity and the antitumor activity of this novel agent. Whereas LY231514 only moderately inhibits TS (\( K_i=340 \text{ nM, recombinant mouse})\), the pentaglutamate of LY231514 is 100–fold more potent (\( K_i=3.4 \text{ nM})\), making LY231514 one of the most potent folate–based TS inhibitors\[1\].

**In Vivo:** The group of mice treated with PC61 plus Pemetrexed demonstrates statistically longer survival than other groups. In a survival analysis, significantly better survival is observed in the group of mice treated with PC61 plus Pemetrexed compare with those treated with PC61 alone, rat IgG plus Pemetrexed, or no treatment\[2\].

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

**Kinase Assay:** \[1\] AICARFT inhibition assays are carried out at room temperature by monitoring the formation of [6S]–5,6,7,8–tetrahydrofolate from 10–formyl–[6R,S]–5,6,7,8–tetrahydrofolate at A_{298}. All solutions are purged with N_{2} gas prior to use. The reaction solution contains 33 mM Tris–Cl, pH 7.4, 25 mM KCl, 5 mM 2–Mercaptoethanol, 0.05 mM AICA ribonucleotide, and 16 nM (2 milliunits/mL) of AICARFT. 10–Formyl–[6R,S]–5,6,7,8–tetrahydrofolate concentrations of 0.037, 0.074, and 0.145 mM are used (0.61, 1.23, and 2.45 times its \( K_m \) value, respectively). LY231514 is tested as an inhibitor at 0.08–0.8 mM (four concentrations). When the tri– and pentaglutamates of LY231514 are used as inhibitors, the concentrations are 0.0005–0.009 mM (eight concentrations). Enzyme assays are initiated by the addition of enzyme. Data is analyzed using the ENZFITTER program for competitive inhibition.

**Cell Assay:** Pemetrexed is dissolved in DMSO and stored, and then diluted with cell culture medium before use\[1,1\]. Dose–response curves are generated to determine the concentration required for 50% inhibition of growth (IC_{50}). Pemetrexed is dissolved initially in DMSO at a concentration of 4 mg/mL and further diluted with cell culture medium to the desired concentration. CCRF–CEM leukemia cells in complete medium are added to 24–well Cluster plates at a final concentration of 4.8×10^{4} cells/well in a total volume of 2 mL. Test compounds at various concentrations are added to duplicate wells so that the final volume of DMSO is 0.5%. The plates are incubated for 72 h at 37°C in an atmosphere of 5% CO_{2} in air. At the end of the incubation, cell numbers are determined on a ZBI Coulter counter. Control wells usually contain 4×10^{5} to 6×10^{5} cells at the end of the incubation. For several studies, IC_{50}s are...
determined for each compound in the presence of either 300 μM AICA, 5 μM thymidine, 100 μM hypoxanthine, or combination of 5 μM hymidine plus 100 μM hypoxanthine[1].

**Animal Administration:** Pemetrexed disodium is prepared in saline[2]. Mice

Female CBA mice and female NOD/SCID mice (NOD.CB17–Prkdcscid) at 6–8 wk of age are used. Pemetrexed (100 mg/kg) is given i.p. from days 4–8 (5 consecutive d) to tumor-bearing mice to explore the synergistic effect when combined with anti-CD25 Ab or IgG control. The dose and schedule used for Pemetrexed in the current study is determined based on previous studies in mice.

**References:**


**Caution:** Product has not been fully validated for medical applications. For research use only.

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