# **Product** Data Sheet



# **Pixantrone**

Cat. No.: HY-13727A 144675-97-8 CAS No.: Molecular Formula:  $C_{25}H_{27}N_5O_{10}$ Molecular Weight: 557.51

Target: Topoisomerase

Pathway: Cell Cycle/DNA Damage

Storage: 4°C, sealed storage, away from moisture

\* In solvent: -80°C, 6 months; -20°C, 1 month (sealed storage, away from moisture)

### **SOLVENT & SOLUBILITY**

In Vitro

DMSO: 50 mg/mL (89.68 mM; Need ultrasonic)

H<sub>2</sub>O: 8.33 mg/mL (14.94 mM; ultrasonic and warming and heat to 60°C)

Preparing Stock Solutions	Solvent Mass Concentration	1 mg	5 mg	10 mg
	1 mM	1.7937 mL	8.9684 mL	17.9369 mL
	5 mM	0.3587 mL	1.7937 mL	3.5874 mL
	10 mM	0.1794 mL	0.8968 mL	1.7937 mL

Please refer to the solubility information to select the appropriate solvent.

In Vivo

- 1. Add each solvent one by one: PBS Solubility: 50 mg/mL (89.68 mM); Clear solution; Need ultrasonic
- 2. Add each solvent one by one: 10% DMSO >> 40% PEG300 >> 5% Tween-80 >> 45% saline Solubility: ≥ 0.83 mg/mL (1.49 mM); Clear solution
- 3. Add each solvent one by one: 10% DMSO >> 90% (20% SBE-β-CD in saline) Solubility: ≥ 0.83 mg/mL (1.49 mM); Clear solution

## **BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY**

Description	Pixantrone (BBR 2778) dimaleate is a topoisomerase II inhibitor and DNA intercalator, with anti-tumor activity.
IC <sub>50</sub> & Target	Topoisomerase II
In Vitro	Pixantrone (0-10 $\mu$ M, 72 h) dimaleate induces cell death in multiple cancer cell lines independent of cell cycle perturbation, with IC <sub>50</sub> s of 37.3 nM, 126 nM and 136 nM for T47D, MCF-10A and OVCAR5 cells, respectively <sup>[1]</sup> . ?Pixantrone (25-500 nM, 2 4 h) dimaleate induces DNA damage at high concentration of 500 nM and induces severe chromosomal aberrations and mitotic catastrophe in PANC1 cells <sup>[1]</sup> .

?Pixantrone (100 nM, 24 h) dimaleate may disrupt chromosome segregation because of generating merotelic kinetochore attachments that cause chromosome non-disjunction<sup>[1]</sup>.

?Pixantrone (0-100  $\mu$ M, 72 h) dimaleate potently inhibits growth of human leukemia K562 cells, etoposide-resistant K/VP.5 cells, MDCK and ABCB1-transfected MDCK/MDR cells with IC<sub>50</sub>s of 0.10  $\mu$ M, 0.56  $\mu$ M, 0.058  $\mu$ M and 4.5  $\mu$ M, respectively<sup>[2]</sup>. ?Pixantrone (0.01-0.2  $\mu$ M) dimaleate leads to a concentration-dependent formation of linear DNA through acting on topoisomerase li $\alpha$  and produces semiquinone free radicals in an enzymatic reducing system, although not in a cellular system, most likely due to low cellular uptake<sup>[2]</sup>.

?Pixantrone (0.01-10  $\mu$ M) dimaleate shows potent inhibitory activities against rat 97-116 peptide-specific T cell proliferation [4].

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#### In Vivo

Pixantrone (i.v., 27 mg/kg, every 7 days, three times) dimaleate does not worsen pre-existing moderate degenerative cardiomyopathy, causes minimal cardiotoxic in mice following repeated treatment cycles and results in less mortality than Mitoxantrone (HY-13502) in Doxorubicin (HY-15142A)-pretreated mice<sup>[3]</sup>.

?Pixantrone (i.v., 16.25 mg/kg, every week, three times) dimaleate modulates Lymph node cells (LNC) responses, affacts T cell subpopulations in TAChR-immunized Lewis rats and also shows preventive and therapeutic effect in experimental autoimmune myasthenia gravis (EAMG) rats<sup>[4]</sup>.

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#### **PROTOCOL**

### Cell Assay [1]

Briefly, cells seeded into 96-well plates are treated with increasing concentrations of either pixantrone or doxorubicin for 72 hours. After this time, MTS reagent is added to cells and incubated at 37°C for a further 4 hours. Cell proliferation is then determined by measuring the absorbance at 490 nm. All data points are normalized to untreated cells. All treatments are performed in triplicate and performed a minimum of 3 times<sup>[1]</sup>.

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# Animal Administration [3][4]

## Mice<sup>[3]</sup>

To evaluate the potential cardiotoxicity of Pixantrone in doxorubicin-pretreated mice, doxorubicin 7.5 mg/kg is administered intravenously every 7 days for 3 weeks (1 cycle) to a group of CD1 females. Six weeks later, these mice receive either 0.9% saline (vehicle), doxorubicin 7.5 mg/kg, Pixantrone 27 mg/kg, or mitoxantrone 3 mg/kg intravenously every 7 days for 3 weeks (2 cycles). Animals are sacrificed after the first cycle at 8 weeks, and after the second cycle at 16 weeks. In addition, to evaluate the potential cardiotoxicity of Pixantrone as a single agent compared with doxorubicin and mitoxantrone, CD1 female mice receive a single or a double cycle of vehicle, doxorubicin 7.5 mg/kg, Pixantrone 27 mg/kg, or mitoxantrone 3 mg/kg. These animals are sacrificed after the first and second cycles (at 8 and 16 weeks, all groups), during week 14 (Pixantrone-treated group only) and during week 22 (Pixantrone- and vehicle-treated groups)<sup>[3]</sup>.

For the studies on Pixantrone efficacy on EAMG, TAChR-immunized rats are randomly assigned to different treatment groups: 1) preventive Pixantrone group, starting 4 days after immunization, with 16.25 mg/kg Pixantrone, administered i.v. via tail vein, once a week for three times; 2) therapeutic Pixantrone group, starting 4 wk after immunization, with 16.25 mg/kg Pixantrone, administered i.v. via tail vein, once a week for three times; 3) therapeutic MTX group (1.2 mg/kg, i.v. via tail vein, once a week for three times); and 4) vehicle group (sterile saline, i.v. via tail vein, once a week for three times). The doses of Pixantrone and MTX used in this study are in both cases equal to one-fourth of the LD10 for single i.v. injection in rats. Treatment assignation is performed at day 4 after TAChR immunization (preventive schedule) in coincidence of the acute phase of EAMG, or at onset of clinical signs (therapeutic schedule), which occurs after 4 wk. Animals are sacrificed after deep anesthesia obtained by carbon dioxide; low-grade anesthesia with chloral hydrate administered i.p. is used for TAChR immunization and drug treatments<sup>[4]</sup>.

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#### **CUSTOMER VALIDATION**

- J Mol Med (Berl). 2019 Aug;97(8):1183-1193.
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