# **Product** Data Sheet

## Bicuculline methochloride

**Cat. No.:** HY-137790 **CAS No.:** 38641-83-7

Target: GABA Receptor

Pathway: Membrane Transporter/Ion Channel; Neuronal Signaling

Storage: Please store the product under the recommended conditions in the Certificate of

Analysis.

### **BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY**

Description	Bicuculline ((+)-Bicuculline; d-Bicuculline) methochloride is a selective GABAA receptor antagonist with an IC <sub>50</sub> value of 3 $\mu$ M. Bicuculline methochloride induces clonic tonic convulsions in mammals and can also be used to block Ca <sup>2+</sup> activated potassium channels. Bicuculline methochloride can be used in studies of epilepsy and other related psychiatric disorders <sup>[1]</sup> [2].
IC <sub>50</sub> & Target	IC50: 3 μM (GABA <sub>A</sub> ) <sup>[3]</sup>
In Vitro	Bicuculline methochloride (1 $\mu$ M and 3 $\mu$ M) attains the maximal response of GABA. Bicuculline methochloride appears to shift the dose–response curves of GABA in parallel to the right without decreasing GABA maximal response, suggesting that it is a competitive antagonist at human $\alpha_1\beta_2\gamma_{2L}$ GABA <sub>A</sub> receptors expressed in Xenopus oocytes <sup>[3]</sup> . Bicuculline methochloride (1-100 $\mu$ M; 2 min; applied as outside-out patches) potently blocks both Apamin (HY-P0256)-sensitive small-conductance calcium-activated potassium channels (SK2) currents and Apamin-insensitive SK1 currents in Xenopus oocytes <sup>[4]</sup> . MCE has not independently confirmed the accuracy of these methods. They are for reference only.
In Vivo	Bicuculline methochloride (1.25-3 mg/kg; s.c.) can cause clonus-tonic convulsions in a dose-dependent manner in mice and these convulsions are enhanced by injection of the $\mu$ -opioid agonist morphine <sup>[1]</sup> . Bicuculline methochloride (1.5-3.2 mg/kg; s.c.) induces male Swiss S mice generalized seizures with a CD <sub>50</sub> (convulsant dose) of 2.2 mg/kg for clonus and CD <sub>50</sub> of 2.4 mg/kg for tonus. Seizures induced by Bicuculline methochloride at the dose of 3.2 mg/kg can be blocked by pretreatment (i.p.) with the NMDA antagonists MK-801, CPP and CGS 19755 <sup>[2]</sup> . MCE has not independently confirmed the accuracy of these methods. They are for reference only.

### **CUSTOMER VALIDATION**

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- [4]. Khawaled R, et al. Bicuculline block of small-conductance calcium-activated potassium channels. Pflugers Arch. 1999 Aug;438(3):314-21.

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