

Product Name: Menadione Revision Date: 05/10/2025

Product Data Sheet

Menadione

Cat. No.: B1966

CAS No.: 58-27-5

Formula: C11H8O2

M.Wt: 172.18

Synonyms: Vitamin K3

Target: Mitochondrial DNA polymerase γ

Pathway: Metabolism

Storage: Store at -20° C



Solvent & Solubility

insoluble in H2O; ≥5.15 mg/mL in DMSO; ≥9.86 mg/mL in EtOH with ultrasonic

In Vitro

Preparing Stock Solutions	Mass Solvent Concentration	1mg	5mg	10mg
	1 mM	5.8079 mL	29.0394 mL	58.0788 mL
	5 mM	1.1616 mL	5.8079 mL	11.6158 mL
	10 mM	0.5808 mL	2.9039 mL	5.8079 mL

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

Biological Activity

Shortsummary

Menadione (CAS 58-27-5), also known as vitamin K_3 , is a mitochondria-targeting small molecule inhibitor of DNA polymerase γ (pol γ), a key enzyme involved in mitochondrial DNA replication and repair processes. Menadione inhibits pol γ with an IC $_5$ o of approximately 6 μ M. In HCT116 cancer cell lines, menadione (30 μ M) significantly reduces mitochondrial DNA synthesis and repair, elevates reactive oxygen species (ROS), and induces apoptosis, while at lower levels (~3 μ M), it suppresses proliferation independent of marked ROS increase. Menadione is employed broadly in research into mitochondrial dysfunction, tumor biology, and oxidative stress.

IC₅₀ & Target

In Vitro

Cell Viability Assay

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	Cell Line:	HCT116 p53+/+ and p53 - / - cells		
	Preparation method:	Both HCT116 p53+/+ and HCT116 p53 -/- cells were treated with 0, 3, and 30		
		μM of VK3 for 24 h and then stored at $^-$ 80 $^\circ$ C. Using the isolated		
		mitochondrial fraction, the pol γ activity of 2 μg of the extract from the		
		mitochondrial fraction was assayed.		
	Reacting conditions:	3 or 30 μM menadione for 24 h incubation		
	Applications:	Menadione at 30 μ M inhibited DNA polymerase γ by more than 80%,		
	Achae e araca	caused impairment of mitochondrial DNA replication and repair, and induced a		
		significant increase in reactive oxygen species (ROS), leading to apoptosis. At		
		a lower concentration (3 μ M), menadione did not cause a significant increase		
		in ROS, but was able to effectively inhibit cell proliferation, which could be		
		reversed by supplementing glycolytic substrates.		
	Animal experiment			
	Animal models:	Four-week-old Emory mice		
	Dosage form:	0.04%, 0.12% and 0.4% (w/w) menadione mixed with freshly ground Purina		
	P. E. C. T.	Rodent Lab Chow 5001. By oral route for 10 to 12 weeks		
	Applications:	In Emory mice, menadione at a low non-toxic dose (0.12%, w/w), used as a		
		dietary supplement for 10 to 12 weeks, caused early signs of cataract, such as		
In Vivo		prominent anterior suture, in 68% of the Emory mice.		
	Preparation method:	Dosage of 0.04%, 0.12% and 0.4% (w/w) menadione mixed with freshly		
		ground Purina Rodent Lab Chow 5001 (regular diet from Ralston Purina, St.		
		Louis, MO) were administered to three groups of 20 four-week-old mouse		
		pups each, which were equivalent to 0.08 g, 0.24 g and 0.8 g/kg body weight		
	610m	respectively.		
	Other notes:	The technical data provided above is for reference only.		

Product Citations

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References

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Caution

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