

Product Name: U0126 Revision Date: 05/10/2025

Product Data Sheet

U0126

Cat. No.: BA2003

CAS No.: 109511-58-2 Formula: C18H16N6S2

M.Wt: 380.49

Synonyms: 2,3-bis[amino[(2-aminophenyl)thio]methylene]

-butanedinitrile

Target: MEK; MAPK

Pathway: MAPK/ERK; MEK; Autophagy

Storage: Store at -20° C

NH₂ NH₂

Solvent & Solubility

≥23.15 mg/mL in DMSO with ultrasonic; ≥2.6 mg/mL in EtOH with ultrasonic; insoluble in H2O

In Vitro

Preparing Stock Solutions	Mass Solvent Concentration	1mg	5mg	10mg
	1 mM	2.6282 mL	13.1409 mL	26.2819 mL
	5 mM	0.5256 mL	2.6282 mL	5.2564 mL
	10 mM	0.2628 mL	1.3141 mL	2.6282 mL

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

Biological Activity

Shortsummary

U0126 (CAS 109511-58-2) is a cell-permeable, non-ATP competitive, selective inhibitor belonging to the class of small molecule kinase inhibitors, functioning as an inhibitor of MEK1 and MEK2 in signal transduction pathways and exhibiting suppression of downstream ERK phosphorylation in various cellular systems. Additionally, it acts as an inhibitor of autophagy and mitophagy processes.

In in vitro experimental settings, U0126 demonstrates effective inhibition of MEK1 and MEK2 with IC50 values of 72 nM and 58 nM, respectively, tested against recombinant kinase assays and cell line models. It can also disrupt the activation of ERK1/2 MAP kinases and block signal propagation within the Raf/MEK/ERK

	pathway, thereby affecting cell proliferation, differentiation, and survival signals. In application contexts such as studies on cancer biology, cell signaling, and neurobiology, U0126 is wide used for dissecting the roles of the MAPK/ERK pathway and its contribution to cellular responses to grow factors and stress stimuli. As a research tool, it aids in delineating the contribution of MEK-mediated signaling to disease progression, drug response, and cell fate determination. U0126's capacity to inhibit autophage and mitophagy further supports its value in experimental investigation of these degradative processes.			
IC ₅₀ & Target				
In Vitro	Cell Viability Assay			
	Cell Line:	A549 and MDCK II cells.		
	Preparation method:	U0126 was dissolved at a stock-concentration of 10 mM in DMSO, from which a dilution series was prepared in DMSO to attain the desired U0126 concentration. As DMSO affects the cell vitality, only 1% U0126/DMSO solution was given to the medium.		
	Reacting conditions:	0.001-1000 µM, 48 h.		
	Applications:	The EC50 values for U0126 against H1N1v were 1.2 $\pm~$ 0.4 $~\mu$ M in A549 cells and 74.7 $\pm~$ 1.0 $~\mu$ M in MDCKII cells		
In Vivo	Animal experiment			
	Animal models:	Twelve-week-old female Wistar rats (250 to 265 g)		
	Dosage form:	30 mg/kg.		
	Applications:	The vasoconstriction to S6c is markedly reduced.		
	Preparation method:	Intraperitoneally.		
	Other notes:	The technical data provided above is for reference only.		
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Product Citations

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References

- 1.Droebner K, et al. Antiviral activity of the MEK-inhibitor U0126 against pandemic H1N1v and highly pathogenic avian influenza virus in vitro and in vivo. Antiviral Res. 2011, 92(2), 195-203.
- 2.Bessard A, et al. RNAi-mediated ERK2 knockdown inhibits growth of tumor cells in vitro and in vivo. Oncogene. 2008 Sep 11;27(40):5315-25.

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