

Product Name: CREKA peptide TFA Revision Date: 05/10/2025

Product Data Sheet

CREKA peptide **TFA**

Cat. No.: C8659

CAS No.: 847058-45-1

Formula: C25H44F3N9O10S

M.Wt: 719.73

Synonyms:

Target: Type IV collagen

Pathway: Other Peptides

Storage: Store at -20° C

H₂N OH H_NN OH H_NN OH NH₂ NH₂

Solvent & Solubility

In Vitro

Preparing Stock Solutions	Solvent Concentration	1mg	5mg	10mg
	1 mM	1.3894 mL	6.9470 mL	13.8941 mL
	5 mM	0.2779 mL	1.3894 mL	2.7788 mL
	10 mM	0.1389 mL	0.6947 mL	1.3894 mL

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

Biological Activity

Shortsummary

CREKA peptide TFA is a trifluoroacetic acid form of a short peptide with self-assembling properties. The peptide sequence is Cys-Arg-Glu-Lys-Ala (CREKA). This short peptide can specifically recognize and bind to overexpressed fibrin in diseased tissues, thereby enabling targeted localization to pathological sites. Studies have shown that CREKA peptide can effectively target regions associated with cancer, myocardial ischemia-reperfusion injury, and atherosclerosis. Due to its excellent targeting ability and self-assembly characteristics, CREKA peptide has broad application prospects in the field of nanomedicine. It can be used to construct targeted drug delivery systems, diagnostic imaging probes, and therapeutic nanomaterials, offering the potential to improve the precision and efficacy of disease diagnosis and treatment.

IC ₅₀ & Target					
	Cell Viability Assay	Cell Viability Assay			
In Vitro	Cell Line:	HeLa cells			
	Preparation method:	EG hydrogel nanoparticles were synthesized by water-in-water emulsion. For CREKA functionalization, peptide (0.5 mM) was directly added into prepolymer solution, where acrylate groups in PEGDA bound via thiol ether linkage group with sulfur on cysteine. The conjugation reaction was carried out for 2 h at room temperature and the solution was dialyzed with dH2O and lyophilized for storage. PEG hydrogel nanoparticles were synthesized and surface-functionalized with CREKA peptide, then loaded with doxorubicin (DOX). HeLa cells were treated with these CREKA-PEG particles.			
	Reacting conditions:	2 mg/mL, 4h			
	Applications:	Confocal microscopy showed markedly higher cellular uptake of CREKA-nanoparticles compared to non-targeted or IKVAV-functionalized controls. Enhanced uptake correlated with greater DOX cytotoxicity, demonstrated by increased apoptosis in treated cells.			
In Vivo	Animal experiment				
	Animal models:	MMTV PyMT mice			
	Dosage form:	1 − 4 mg /kg, tail vein injection.			
	Applications:	In vivo studies suggested significantly improved retention and anticancer effects with CREKA conjugated vehicles as compared to controls.			
	Preparation method:	Amino group-functionalized dextran-coated superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles (50-nm nanomag-d-SPIO) were coupled with CREKA peptide by using a cross-linker. The final coupling ratio was 30 nmol of fluorescein-labeled peptide molecules per milligram of iron oxide, or 8,000 peptides per particle. For near-infrared labeling with Cy7, \approx 20% of the			
	PE BIO	amines were derivatized with Cy7-NHS ester, and the remaining amines were used for conjugating the peptide. For i.v. injections, the animals were anesthetized with i.p. Avertin, and liposomes (2 μ mol of DSPC) and/or nanoparticles (1 - 4 mg of Fe per kg of body weight) were injected into the tail vein. The animals were killed 5 - 24 h after injection by cardiac perfusion with PBS under anesthesia, and organs were dissected and analyzed for particle homing.			
	Other notes:	The technical data provided above is for reference only.			

Product Citations

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References

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