Alfa Aesar



Cancer develops when a gene or a combination of genes change expression patterns. As the disease progresses these changes lead to misregulation of key pathways involved in cell proliferation, differentiation, and cell death. Cancers arise gradually, resulting from the accumulation of abnormalities (mutations) in the cell's genetic material. These mutations can be due to a number of reasons including exposure to carcinogens, ionizing radiation, viral infection, errors in deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) replication or inherited defects. Mutations accumulate in cells contributing to the invasive and metastatic properties of cancers and allowing the cancer cells to take up residence in many different tissue environments. Mutations resulting in cancer frequently occur in oncogenes (genes that cause normal cells to become cancerous tumor cells) or in tumor suppressor genes.

Alfa Aesar, now part of Thermo Fisher Scientific, has numerous reagents that are useful in cancer research, including reagents that have known anti-tumor or cancer preventive properties and a short list of carcinogens.

Chemopreventive agents

Stock No.	Description	Research application	Sizes
A18542	α-aphthoflavone, 97%	An aryl hydrocarbon receptor antagonist	5g, 25g
B23840	Ergosterol hydrate, 96% (dry wt.), cont. up to ca 6% water	Suppresses inflammatory responses in RAW264.7 macrophages and growth of HT29 colon adenocarcinoma cells	5g, 25g, 100g
A13736	Geraniol, 97%	Exhibits chemopreventive activities during the initial phases of hepatocarcinogenesis and renal carcinogenesis	50g, 250g, 1kg
J62126	Hesperidin, 98+%	Antioxidant	25g, 100g
J63255	Indomethacin, 99+%	Non-selective cyclooxygenase inhibitor	1g, 5g, 25g
J60373	Kaempferol, 98+%	Inhibits topoisomerase I catalyzed DNA religation. Induces apoptosis and is cytotoxic to human leukemic cell lines	10mg, 50mg
J60790	Resveratrol	A compound with antioxidant activity; activates SIRT1	500mg
J61772	Sulindac	Useful in chemoprevention of colorectal adenomas	5g, 25g, 100g

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Cancer research tools

Anti-tumor agents

Stock No.	Description	Research application	Sizes
J61745	(-)-Epigallocatechin gallate	A green tea antioxidant. Has been proposed to inhibit proteasome; Also inhibits the anti-apoptotic protein Bcl-xl	5mg, 10mg, 50mg
J62266	(±)-Thalidomide, 99+%	Teratogenic compound found to inhibit HIV-1 replication and FGF-induced angiogenesis	100mg
A12942	1-Methylisatin, 97%	A Caspase-3 inhibitor	1g, 5g, 25g
J60378	Bortezomib, 99%	A dipeptide boronate inhibitor of the 20S proteasome. It inhibits the proteasome at the chymotryptic site and is slowly reversible	5mg, 10mg, 25mg
J62523	Camptothecin	Inhibits DNA topoisomerase I	250mg, 1g, 5g
J60433	Carboplatin	UC Antitumor activities in lung cancers and ovarian cancer	1g, 5g
J61964	Chlorambucil, 98%	UC Induces apoptosis in chronic lymphocytic leukemia cells	500mg, 1g, 5g
10471	cis-Diamminedichloro- platinum(II), Pt 64.5% min	Potent anticancer agent that blocks DNA synthesis	250mg, 1g, 5g
J61023	Dacarbazine	Generates methyl adducts to purine bases in DNA	500mg, 1g
J63767	Gossypol, 98+%	Bcl-2 antagonist. Overcomes Bcl-2- and Bcl-XL-mediated apoptosis resistance in a Jurkat T cell leukemic model	25mg, 100mg, 250mg
A11411	Hydroquinone, 99%	Reduce the viable cell number of oral tumor cell	250g, 1kg, 5kg
J63075	Methotrexate	Formerly known as amethopterin; inhibits metabolism of folate	100mg, 1g
J62734	Paclitaxel, 99.5+%	A mitotic inhibitor. Antitumor activities observed in ovarian, breast and lung cancers	100mg, 500mg, 1g
J63397	Geldanamycin, 99+%	Inhibits HSP90; induces degradation of mutated v-Src, Bcr-Abl and p53	25mg, 100mg, 250mg
J63053	Trimethoprim	Dihydrofolate reductase inhibitor selectivie (prokaryote enzyme)	1g, 5g, 25g
J63598	Vinblastine sulfate, 98%	Induces apoptosis in cell lung cancer and Hodgkin's lymphoma cells	10mg, 50mg
J60907	Vincristine sulfate, 98+%	Isolated from Catharanthus roseus; has antimitotic activity	10mg, 25mg

Carcinogens

Stock No.	Description	Research application	Sizes
40370	Arsenic(III) oxide, 99.9%	Very potent agent against acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL).	10g, 50g, 250g
	(metals basis)	Causes skin, lung and bladder cancer	
L14012	Benzene, 99%	Hematoxin linked to increased incidence of leukemia in humans	100ml, 500ml
12373	Cadmium chloride	Carcinogen that acts by inhibiting DNA mismatch repair.	50g, 250g
	hemipentahydrate, ACS,	Environmental pollutant	
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