



Puromycin (Solution 10 mg/mL)

Product description

Puromycin is an aminoglycoside antibiotic produced by fermentation and metabolism of *Streptomyces alboniger*, which kills Gram-positive bacteria, various animal and insect cells by inhibiting protein synthesis. Puromycin is effective against *E. coli* in some cases. The mechanism is that puromycin is an analogue of the 3' terminal of aminoacyl-tRNA molecules, which can bind to the A site of the ribosome and be incorporated into the extended peptide chain. After puromycin binds to the A site, it will not participate in any subsequent reactions, resulting in premature termination of protein synthesis and release of immature polypeptides containing puromycin at the C-terminus. Puromycin at a concentration of 1-10 µg/mL can successfully screen resistant wall mammalian cells, while puromycin at a low concentration of 0.5-2 µg/mL can successfully screen suspension cells.

This product is a stock solution of puromycin hydrochloride solution dissolved in distilled water, with a concentration of 10 mg/mL (10 mg/mL in H₂O), and can be directly diluted with culture medium or other buffer solutions. Suitable for cell culture, common working concentration is 1~10 µg/mL.

Components

Components No.	Name	60209ES10	60209ES50	60209ES60	60209ES76
60209	Puromycin (Solution 10 mg/mL)	1×1 mL	5×1 mL	10×1 mL	50×1 mL

Specifications

Synonym	Puromycin 2HCl; CL-13900; CL13900 dihydrochloride
Concentration	10 mg/mL (soluble in H ₂ O)
CAS No.	58-58-2
Molecular formula	C ₂₂ H ₂₉ N ₇ O ₅ · 2HCl
Molecular weight	544.43 g/mol
Appearance	colorless solution
Purity	≥98%
Structure	

Shipping and Storage

The product is shipped with dry ice and can be stored at -15°C ~ -25°C for one years. Store away from light.

Instructions

1. Suggested working concentration

Mammalian cells: 1-10 µg/mL, optimum concentration needs to be determined by killing curve.

Escherichia coli: LB agar medium was used to screen Escherichia coli stably transformed with pac gene at a



concentration of 125 µg/mL.

Note: Screening of stable E. coli strains using puromycin requires precise pH adjustment.

Recommended concentrations of purinomycin hydrochloride

cell line	Concentration (Purinomycin)	References
B16	1~2 µg/mL	[1],[2]
HEK293	0.5~10 µg/mL	[3]
HeLa	1~10 µg/mL	[4],[5]
MEF	1-5 µg/mL	[4]
HepG2	0.5~5 µg/mL	[6],[7]
A549	1.5 µg/mL	[8]
human embryonic stem cell (HESCS)	0.5~5 µg/mL	[9]

2. Determination of purinomycin killing curve (taking shRNA transfection or lentivirus transduction as an example)

The effective screening concentration of purinomycin is related to cell type, growth state, cell density, cell metabolism and cell cycle position. To screen for stably expressing shRNA cell lines, it is critical to determine the minimum concentration of puromycin that kills untransfected/transduced cells. It is recommended that customers who are doing experiments for the first time must establish a kill curve suitable for their own experimental system.

- 1) Day 1: The 24-well plate is plated at a density of $5\sim 8 \times 10^4$ cells/well, and a sufficient number of wells are plated for subsequent gradient experiments. Cells were incubated overnight at 37°C.
- 2) Day 2: A) Prepare screening medium: fresh medium containing different concentrations of puromycin (such as 0-15 µg/mL, at least 5 gradients); B) Replace the freshly prepared screening medium in the cells after overnight incubation; Then the cells are incubated at 37°C.
- 3) Day 4: Replace with fresh selection medium and observe cell viability.
- 4) Depending on the growth state of the cells, change to fresh selection medium every 2-3 days.
- 5) Cells were monitored daily to observe the rate of viable cells to determine the lowest concentration of drug effective to kill non-transfected or all non-transduced cells within 4-6 days of the start of antibiotic screening.

3. Screening of Mammalian Stably Transfected Cell Lines

After transfection of the plasmid containing the pac gene, the cells were propagated in a medium containing puromycin to select stable transfectants.

- 1) 48 h after transfection, the cells (original or diluted) are cultured in fresh medium containing an appropriate concentration of puromycin.

Note: Antibiotics are most effective when cells are actively dividing. If the cells are too dense, the effectiveness of antibiotics will be significantly reduced. It is best to plate cells to a density of no more than 25%.

- 2) Remove and replace the culture medium containing purinomycin every 2-3 days.
- 3) Cell-formed foci are assessed 7 days after screening. Lesions may require an additional week or more, depending on the host cell line and transfection screening efficiency.

Note: Observe the cell growth status every day. Screening of puromycin requires at least 48 h, and the screening



period of effective concentration of puromycin is generally 3-10 days.

(4) Transfer and place 5-10 resistant clones into a 35 mm Petri dish and continue to culture with selection medium for 7 days. This enrichment culture is to prepare for future cytotoxicity experiment

Notes

1. Puromycin is a toxic compound, please handle with care.
2. For your safety and health, please wear lab coats and disposable gloves for operation.
3. For research use only.

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