# PRODUCT INFORMATION



# **Tolbutamide**

Item No. 19888

CAS Registry No.: 64-77-7

N-[(butylamino)carbonyl]-4-methyl-Formal Name:

benzenesulfonamide

Synonyms: D 860, NSC 23813, NSC 87833, U-2043

MF:  $C_{12}H_{18}N_2O_3S$ 

270.3 FW: **Purity:** ≥98% UV/Vis.:  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$ : 229 nm Supplied as: A crystalline solid

Storage: -20°C Stability: ≥2 years

Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.

# **Laboratory Procedures**

Tolbutamide is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the tolbutamide in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. Tolbutamide is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide. The solubility of tolbutamide in these solvents is approximately 30 mg/ml.

Tolbutamide is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, tolbutamide should first be dissolved in ethanol and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. Tolbutamide has a solubility of approximately 0.14 mg/ml in a 1:6 solution of ethanol:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

# Description

Tolbutamide is an inhibitor of sulfonylurea receptor 1 (SUR1) linked to ATP-sensitive potassium channel  $K_{ir}$ 6.2 (IC<sub>50</sub> = 4.9  $\mu$ M).<sup>1</sup> It is selective for SUR1/ $K_{ir}$ 6.2 over SUR2A/ $K_{ir}$ 6.2 and SUR2B/ $K_{ir}$ 6.2 channels (IC<sub>50</sub>s = 85 and 88  $\mu$ M, respectively). Tolbutamide increases glucose-induced insulin secretion and calcium influx in isolated mouse pancreatic islets.<sup>2</sup> In vivo, tolbutamide (80 mg/kg) reduces blood glucose levels in a mouse model of diabetes induced by streptozotocin (STZ; Item No. 13104).<sup>3</sup> Formulations containing tolbutamide have been used in the treatment of type 2 diabetes.

## References

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WARNING
THIS PRODUCT IS FOR RESEARCH ONLY - NOT FOR HUMAN OR VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

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