

# **Apamin** Catalog No: tcsc7096

Available Sizes

Size: 500ug

Size: 1mg

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Specifications

CAS No:

24345-16-2

Formula:  $C_{79}H_{131}N_{31}O_{24}S_4$ 

**Pathway:** Membrane Transporter/Ion Channel

**Target:** Potassium Channel

**Purity / Grade:** 

## Solubility:

10 mM in H2O

#### **Alternative Names:**

Apamin (reduced), cyclic  $(1\rightarrow 11),(3\rightarrow 15)$ -bis(disulfide);Apamine

### **Observed Molecular Weight:**

2027.34

# **Product Description**

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Apamin, an 18 amino acid peptide neurotoxin found in apitoxin (bee venom), is known to block  $Ca^{2+}$ -activated **K<sup>+</sup> channel**s and prevent carbon tetrachloride-induced liver fibrosis.

IC50 & Target: K<sup>+</sup> channel<sup>[1]</sup>

*In Vitro:* Apamin is an 18 amino acid peptide neurotoxin found in apitoxin (bee venom). It has long been known as a specifically selective blocker of Ca<sup>2+</sup>-activated K<sup>+</sup> (SK) channels. Apamin inhibits liver fibrosis in a 3,5-diethoxycarbonyl-1,4-dihydrocollidine (DDC)-induced mouse model as determined by hematoxylin and eosin staining. Apamin treatment attenuates inflammatory cytokine expression, including IL-6, IFN- $\gamma$ , TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$  compared with expression levels in the DDC-fed group<sup>[1]</sup>. Apamin is an 18 amino acid peptide neurotoxin found in apitoxin (bee venom). Apamin, a neurotoxin extracted from bee venom, specifically binds to a particular class of Ca<sup>2+</sup>-activated K<sup>+</sup> channels which are involved in the slow afterhyperpolarization (S-AHP) that follows action potentials in many excitable cell<sup>[2]</sup>.

In Vivo: To investigate the anti-fibrotic effect of Apamin on ECM deposition in the DDC-fed mice, Liver fibrosis induced by DDC is confirmed by induction of fibrogenic genes, FSP-1,  $\alpha$ -smooth muscle actin ( $\alpha$ -SMA) and collagen I expression. Expression of  $\alpha$ -SMA is strongly expressed in the myofibroblasts and HSCs around the proliferated bile duct in the DDC-fed group and clearly with the Apamin treatment. Moreover, expression of collagen I in the DDC-fed group is significantly increased, especially in the portal tracts<sup>[1]</sup>



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