

## Small Molecules

### IWP-4

WNT pathway inhibitor; Inhibits Porcupine

Catalog # 72552  
72554

1 mg  
10 mg



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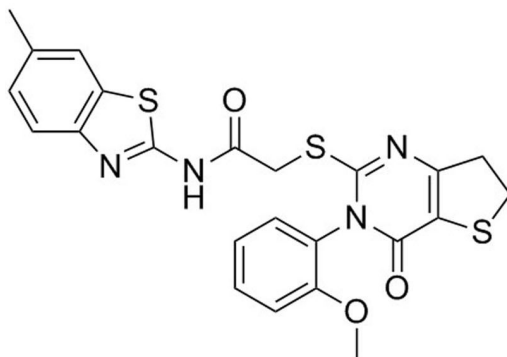
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## Product Description

Inhibitor of WNT Production-4 (IWP-4) is an inhibitor of WNT signaling. WNT proteins are small secreted proteins that are active in embryonic development, tissue homeostasis, and tumorigenesis (Clevers; Polakis; Reya et al.). WNT proteins bind to receptors on the cell surface, initiating a signaling cascade that leads to  $\beta$ -catenin accumulation and downstream gene transcription. IWP-4 inactivates Porcupine, a membrane-bound O-acyltransferase responsible for palmitoylating WNT proteins, which is essential for their signaling ability and secretion (Chen et al.). IWP-4 impairs WNT pathway activity in vitro with an  $IC_{50}$  value of 25 nM (Chen et al.).

**Molecular Name:** IWP-4  
**Alternative Names:** Inhibitor of Wnt Production-4  
**CAS Number:** 686772-17-8  
**Chemical Formula:**  $C_{23}H_{20}N_4O_3S_3$   
**Molecular Weight:** 496.6 g/mol  
**Purity:**  $\geq 95\%$   
**Chemical Name:** N-(6-methyl-2-benzothiazolyl)-2-[[3,4,6,7-tetrahydro-3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-4-oxothieno[3,2-d]pyrimidin-2-yl]thio]-acetamide

**Structure:**



## Properties

**Physical Appearance:** A crystalline solid  
**Storage:** Product stable at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  as supplied. Protect from prolonged exposure to light. For product expiry date, please contact techsupport@stemcell.com.

**Solubility:**  $\cdot$  DMSO  $\leq 4.0$  mM  
For example, to prepare a 2 mM stock solution in DMSO, resuspend 1 mg in 1.01 mL of fresh DMSO.

Prepare stock solution fresh before use. Information regarding stability of small molecules in solution has rarely been reported, however, as a general guide we recommend storage in DMSO at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Aliquot into working volumes to avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. The effect of storage of stock solution on compound performance should be tested for each application.

Compound has low solubility in aqueous media. For use as a cell culture supplement, stock solution should be diluted into culture medium immediately before use. Avoid final DMSO concentration above 0.1% due to potential cell toxicity.

## Published Applications

### DIFFERENTIATION

- Promotes cardiomyocyte differentiation in human pluripotent stem cells after treatment with CHIR99021 (Lian et al. 2012, 2013; Sequiera et al.).
- Promotes cardiomyocyte differentiation in human embryonic stem cells following primitive streak induction with BMP4 and Activin A (Hudson et al.).

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