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Product Name: 6-fluoro-DL-Tryptophan

Cat. No.: GC14000

Chemical Properties

Cas. No. 7730-20-3

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SMILES FC1=CC2=C(C(CC(N)C(O)=O)=CN2)C=C1Formula $C_{11}H_{11}FN_2O_2$ M.Wt 222.2Solubility $\leq 0.1\text{mg/ml}$ in methanol; 1mg/ml in acetic acid (2%) Storage Store at -20°C General tips For obtaining a higher solubility, please warm the tube at 37°C and shake it in the ultrasonic bath for a while. Stock solution can be stored below -20°C for several months.

Shipping Condition Evaluation sample solution: ship with blue ice All other available size: ship with RT, or blue ice upon request.

Structure **Background**

6-fluoro-DL-Tryptophan is a serotonin (5-HT) synthesis inhibitor.

Serotonin or 5-hydroxytryptamine (5-HT), a monoamine neurotransmitter, is biochemically derived from tryptophan. Serotonin is primarily present in the gastrointestinal tract, blood platelets, and the central nervous system of animals. Serotonin is considered to be a contributor to feelings of well-being and happiness.

In vitro: The potential competition was investigated between L-tryptophan (TRP) and 6-fluoro-DL-tryptophan (6-F-TRP). In equilibrium dialysis experiments, albumin bound about 80% of TRP and 50% of 6-F-TRP. Competitive inhibition was assessed as the decrease in the apparent K_a of TRP in the presence of 6-F-TRP, with no modification of the N value [1].

In vivo: Rats were administered 6-fluoro-DL-tryptophan (6F-Trp) and its neurochemical effects on central catechol and indole were evaluated. Results showed that neither

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norepinephrine nor dopamine and its major metabolites were affected by 6F-Trp. With regard to serotonin (5-HT), 6F-Trp could induce a transient depletion in all the studied brain areas, with a maximum of about 60-65% obtained between 1 and 3 hr. After 6 hr, 5-HT levels returned to control values. In addition, the 5-hydroxyindolacetic acid (5-HIAA) level was also reduced 3 hr after 6F-Trp administration. A large dose-dependent increase in tryptophan was seen in the four brain areas, mainly due to an inhibition of tryptophan incorporation into protein, as demonstrated by experiments with mouse neuroblastoma cells [2].

Clinical trial: So far, no clinical study has been conducted.

References:

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