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## Product Data Sheet

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Product Name: Urocortin III, mouse

Cat. No.: GC37869

### Chemical Properties

Cas. No. 357952-10-4

Formula  $C_{186}H_{312}N_{52}O_{52}S_2$  M.Wt 4172.97

Solubility Soluble in DMSO 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

Urocortin III is a neuropeptide hormone and member of the corticotropin-releasing factor (CRF) family which includes mammalian CRF, urocortin, urocortin II, frog sauvagine, and piscine urotensin I.<sup>1</sup> Mouse urocortin III shares 90, 40, 37, and 18% identity to human urocortin III, mouse urocortin II, human urocortin, and mouse urocortin, respectively. It is expressed in the hypothalamus, brainstem, lateral septum (LS)/bed nucleus of stria terminalis (BnST) in the CNS and the small intestine, pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells, and skin in the periphery in mice. Urocortin III selectively binds to type 2 CRF receptors ( $K_i$ s = 5, 1.8, and >100 nM for rat CRF $_2\alpha$ , rat CRF $_2\beta$ , and human CRF $_1$ , respectively). It stimulates cAMP production in CHO cells expressing rat CRF $_2\alpha$  and mouse CRF $_2\beta$  ( $EC_{50}$ s = 0.073 and 0.08 nM, respectively) as well as in cultured anterior pituitary cells expressing endogenous CRF $_2\beta$ . *In vivo*, urocortin III (2  $\mu$ g, i.p.) accelerates metamorphosis of *S. hammondi* tadpoles.<sup>2</sup> Urocortin III (20  $\mu$ g, i.c.v.) increases exploration in the open field test and decreases latency to enter the lit compartment in the dark-light emergence test in mice, indicating anxiolytic-like activity, and mRNA expression is increased in mouse brain in response to restraint.<sup>3</sup> It is co-released with insulin to potentiate glucose-stimulated somatostatin release *in vitro* and *in vivo* in wild-type mice, however, it is depleted from  $\beta$ -cells in mouse and macaque models of type 2

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diabetes, suggesting a role in glycemic control.<sup>4</sup>

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