**Product Specification Sheet**

**Product Name:** Docetaxel (Taxotere)  
**Catalog Number:** C3623

**Technical information:**
- **Chemical Formula:** C_{43}H_{53}NO_{14}  
- **CAS #:** 148408-66-6  
- **Molecular Weight:** 807.88  
- **Purity:** > 98%  
- **Appearance:** white solid  
- **Solubility:** Soluble in DMSO up to 100 mM

**Chemical Name:** (2aR,4S,4aS,6R,9S,12S,12aR,12bS)-12b-acetoxy-9-((2R,3S)-3-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-2-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanoyl)oxy)-4,6,11-trihydroxy-4a,8,13,13-tetramethyl-5-oxo-2a,3,4,4a,5,6,9,10,11,12,12a,12b-dodecahydro-1H-7,11-methanocyclodeca[3,4]benzo[1,2-b]oxet-12-vl benzoate

**Storage:** Store solid powder at 4°C desiccated; Store DMSO solution at -20°C.

**Shelf Life:** In the unopened package, powder is stable for 1 year and DMSO solution is stable for 6 months under proper storage condition.

**Handling:**
- To make 10 mM stock solution, add 0.124mL of DMSO for each mg of Docetaxel (Taxotere).
- For DMSO solution, briefly spin the vial at 500 rpm in a 50 mL conical tube to ensure maximum sample recovery.

**Biological Activity:**
Docetaxel, a semisynthetic analog of paclitaxel binds and stabilizes tubulin, thus preventing microtubule disassembly, resulting in cell-cycle arrest at the G2 phase and inducing apoptosis. Docetaxel is known to inhibit the anti-apoptotic gene Bcl2 and induces the expression of cell cycle inhibitor p27. (1)

In in vitro tubule formation assays, taxotere has an IC50 in the low nanomolar range. HUVEC migration assays were more sensitive, with IC50s in the picomolar range in a chemokinetic assay. Furthermore, HUVEC chemotaxis stimulated by either thymidine phosphorylase or vascular endothelial growth factor, was inhibited by Taxotere in the double-digit picomolar range. (2)

Docetaxel has been studied extensively in combination with traditional anti-cancer agents (e.g. gemcitabine) and more recently with newer generation agents such as cisplatin/5-fluorouracil (DCF), everolimus, sunitinib, and antibody therapies. (1, 3)

**Reference:**

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