

# **Product Introduction**

## **VX-765**

VX-765 is a potent and selective inhibitor of caspase-1 with  $K_i$  of 0.8 nM.

#### **Technical Data:**

Molecular Weight (MW):	509	
Formula:	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>33</sub> CIN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	
Solubility (25 °C)	DMSO 100 mg/mL	O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O
* <1 mg/ml means slightly	Water <1 mg/mL	
soluble or insoluble:	Ethanol 100 mg/mL	
Purity:	>98%	
Storage:	3 years -20°C Powder	
	6 months-80°Cin DMSO	
CAS No.:	273404-37-8	

### **Biological Activity**

VX-765 is an orally absorbed prodrug of VRT-043198, which exhibits potent inhibition against ICE/caspase-1 and caspase-4 with Ki of 0.8 nM and less than 0.6 nM, respectively. And VRT-043198 also inhibits IL-1 $\beta$  release from both PBMCs and whole blood with IC50 of 0.67  $\mu$ M and 1.9  $\mu$ M, respectively. <sup>[1]</sup> In collagen-induced arthritis mouse model, VX-765 (200 mg/kg) inhibits LPS-induced IL-1 $\beta$  production by about 60%, and results in a dose-dependent, statistically significant reduction in the inflammation scores and effective protection from joint changes. <sup>[1]</sup> In vivo, VX-765 blocks kindling epileptogenesis in rats by preventing IL-1 $\beta$  increase in forebrain astrocytes without significant effect on afterdischarge duration. <sup>[2]</sup> In the mouse model of acute seizures, VX-765 (50 mg/kg-200 mg/kg) produces the anticonvulsant effect by delaying the time to onset of the first seizure and decreasing the number of

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seizures as well as their total duration by average 50% and 64%. <sup>[3]</sup> In adult rats with genetic absence epilepsy (GAERS), VX-765, after the 3rd drug injection, significantly reduces the cumulative duration and number of spike-and-wave discharges (SWDs) by 55% on average by selectively blocking IL-1 $\beta$  biosynthesis. <sup>[4]</sup>

A potent and selective inhibitor of interleukin-converting enzyme/caspase-1.

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