# CU-T12-9

## Synthetic TLR2-TLR1 agonist

Catalog Code: tlrl-cut129

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## For research use only

Version 20J30-MM

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

#### Contents

• 10 mg CU-T12-9

#### Storage and stability

- CU-T12-9 is provided as a dried powder and shipped at room temperature. Upon receipt, store product at -20 °C.
- Store resuspended product at -20°C. Resuspended product is stable for at least 6 months when properly stored.
- Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

## Quality control

- Purity: UHPLC ≥95%
- Specific activation of hTLR2-TLR1 heterodimer by CU-T12-9 has been confirmed using HEK-Blue™ hTLR2 cellular assays.
- Absence of bacterial contamination (e.g. endotoxins) has been confirmed using HEK-Blue™ hTLR4 cellular assays.

#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

CU-T12-9 is a synthetic small molecule that activates Toll-like receptor 2 (TLR2). CU-T12-9 derives from a TLR2-activating molecule identified in the screening of a synthetic compound library<sup>2</sup>. Minor changes to this molecule had a profound effect on its agonistic activity and led to the optimized immune stimulant<sup>1</sup>.

Specifically, CU-T12-9 binds to and activates TLR2-TLR1, one of the essential TLR2-heterodimers required for downstream signaling<sup>1</sup>. CU-T12-9 has been shown to activate NF- $\kappa$ B-dependent signaling, i.e. expression of TNF- $\alpha$ . IL-10, and iNOS<sup>1</sup>.

The binding site of CU-T12-9 has been suggested to be on the interface of the heterodimer, supporting its selective affinity for TLR2-TLR1. Importantly, even at high concentrations CU-T12-9 maintains its selective agonistic activity. Furthermore, it has minimal cytotoxicity at concentrations up to 100  $\mu$ M.

1. Cheng, K. et al. 2015. Specific activation of the TLR1-TLR2 heterodimer by small-molecule agonists. Sci Adv 1. 2. Guan, Y. et al. 2010. Identification of novel synthetic toll-like receptor 2 agonists by high throughput screening. J Biol Chem 285, 23755-23762.

## CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

- CAS Number: 1821387-73-8

- Formula:  $C_{17}H_{13}F_3N_4O_2$ 

- Molecular weight: 362.31 g/mol  $_{\mathrm{O_2N}}$ 

- Solubility: 100 mM (~36 mg/ml)

in DMSO

2N N N CF3

### **MFTHODS**

#### Preparation of a 20 mM stock solution of CU-T12-9

- 1. Resuspend CU-T12-9 in 1.4 ml of DMSO.
- 2. Mix well by vortexing.
- 3. Use immediately or store aliquots at -20 °C.
- 4. Subsequent 1:100 dilutions can be directly prepared using sterile endotoxin-free water or culture medium, such as DMEM.

 $\underline{\text{Note:}}$  Dilutions in water or medium at <1:100 may cause the product to precipitate.

Working concentration range:  $10 \text{ nM} - 10 \mu\text{M}$ 

#### Activation of TLR2 by CU-T12-9

Below is a protocol for using InvivoGen's HEK-Blue™ TLR2 cells. These cells express TLR2, its co-receptors TLR1 and TLR6, and an inducible SEAP reporter to monitor NF-κB activation following TLR2 stimulation. Levels of SEAP can be easily determined using HEK-Blue™ Detection, a SEAP detection cell culture medium. Note: For more information, visit <a href="https://www.invivogen.com/hek-blue-htlr2">https://www.invivogen.com/hek-blue-htlr2</a>

- 1. Add 20  $\mu l$  of CU-T12-9 (10x final concentration) per well of a flat bottom 96-well plate.
- 2. Add 20 µl of a positive control (i.e. FSL-1) to another well.
- 3. Prepare a suspension of HEK-Blue™ hTLR2 cells (~280,000 cells per ml) in HEK-Blue™ Detection medium.
- 4. Immediately add 180  $\mu l$  of the cell suspension (~50,000 cells) to each well.
- 5. Incubate the plate at 37°C in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator for 6-24 hours.
- 6. Determine SEAP levels using a spectrophotometer at 620-655 nm.

<u>Note:</u> QUANTI-Blue<sup>TM</sup> solution, a SEAP detection reagent, can also be used to detect the activation of HEK-Blue<sup>TM</sup> hTLR2 cells by CU-T12-9

InvivoGen offers a HEK-Blue™ TLR2 cell collection which includes HEK-Blue™ hTLR2-TLR1 cells, a convenient tool to specifically study the TLR2-TLR1 signaling pathway, in the absence of TLR6. For information, visit: https://www.invivogen.com/hek-blue-htlr2tlr1

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HEK-Blue™ hTLR2 cells	TLR2 reporter cells	hkb-htlr2
HEK-Blue™ hTLR2/1 cells	TLR2/1 reporter cells	hkb-htlr21
FSL-1	TLR2-TLR6 agonist	tlrl-fsl
HEK-Blue™ Detection	SEAP detection medium	hb-det2
Quanti-Blue™ Solution	SEAP detection reagent	rep-qbs



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