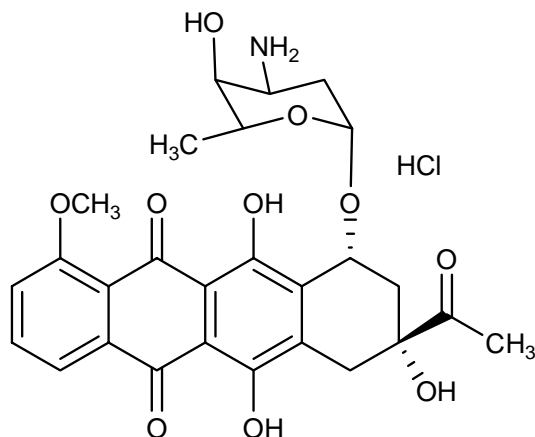


## Product Information

**WP900 hydrochloride**  
Product Number **W 4013**  
Storage Temperature  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

Synonyms: (-)-daunorubicin



### Product Description

Molecular Formula:  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_{10}\text{Cl}$   
Molecular Weight: 564 (anhydrous)

WP900, an anthracycline antibiotic shown to have activity against multidrug-resistant cancer cells, is the left-handed enantiomer of the anticancer natural product (+)-daunorubicin.<sup>1,2</sup> WP900 binds selectively to a left-handed (Z-DNA) form of a synthetic DNA polynucleotide. It can be used in conjunction with (+)-daunorubicin (known to recognize the right-handed form B-DNA) to interconvert the polynucleotide back and forth between its left- and right-handed forms.<sup>3</sup> WP900 is a weak DNA binder but has the same pKa and lipophilicity as the natural product (+)-daunorubicin.<sup>4</sup>

WP900 retains cytotoxic activities over a number of multidrug resistant cell variants as compared to (+)-daunorubicin. WP900 is cytotoxic to cancer cells, making it a possible compound for studying Z-DNA-targeted anticancer agents. WP900 may be a potential tool for investigating the significance and function of left-handed DNA *in vivo*. It may also be used in studying the shifting balance between left- and right-handed forms of DNA, a new approach in drug discovery and control of gene expression.

### Reagent

WP900 hydrochloride is supplied as a red solid.

Purity:  $\geq 95\%$  (HPLC)

### Precautions and Disclaimer

Consult the MSDS for information regarding hazardous and safe handling practices.

### Preparation Instructions

The product is soluble in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) at greater than 5 mg/ml.

### Storage/Stability

Store the product at  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

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