

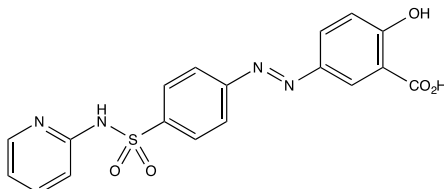
**Catalog # 10-4566**

**Sulfasalazine**

CAS# 599-79-1

2-Hydroxy-5-{{4-[(2-pyridinylamino)sulfonyl]phenyl}azo}benzoic acid

Lot # FBA2170



Sulfasalazine is an approved drug with diverse potential applications. Sulfasalazine is a clinically useful agent for the treatment of colitis and ileocolitis.<sup>1</sup> It is metabolized by intestinal bacteria to release the anti-inflammatory agent 5-aminosalicylic acid and the antibacterial agent sulfapyridine. It has also been found to be a specific inhibitor of NFκB (IC<sub>50</sub> = 500 μM)<sup>2</sup>, inhibitor of IL-2 production of activated T lymphocytes<sup>3</sup> and, TNFα and IL-1 synthesis in macrophages<sup>4</sup>. Sulfasalazine has more recently been shown to be inhibitor of the system X<sub>c</sub>- cystine-glutamate antiporter.<sup>5,6</sup> It was able to block cystine uptake causing depletion of glutathione resulting in compromised cellular redox defense and ultimately cessation of tumor growth. It has been studied for the treatment of breast, pancreatic, lymphoma, brain and other cancers.

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**PHYSICAL DATA**

Molecular Weight:	398.39
Molecular Formula:	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> S
Purity:	>98%
	NMR: (Conforms)
Solubility:	Soluble in DMSO (>25 mg/ml)
Physical Description:	Orange solid
Storage and Stability:	Store as supplied at room temperature for up to 1 year from the date of purchase. Store solutions at -20°C for up to 1 month.

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