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3,7-Bis(4-methoxybenzyl)-3,7-dihydro-1,3,4,6,7,9-hexaza-2H-cyclopenta[e]azulene-2-one Lot # FBS3042

RK-33 is an inhibitor of the RNA helicase DDX3 – IC_{50} 's = 4.4-8.4 μ M in high DDX3 expressing lung cancer cell lines A549, H1299, H23, and H460.^{1,2} Inhibition of DDX3 led to activation of cell death pathways, inhibition of Wnt pathway signaling, and abrogation of non-homologous end-joining (NHEJ) DNA repair. RK-33 was also active in colorectal cancer ³, prostate cancer⁴, and medulloblastoma cancer⁵ cell lines. RK-33 caused radiosensitization in breast cancer through inhibition of mitochondrial translation.⁶ RK-33 facilitates differentiation in human embryonic stem cells (hESC) and decreases pluripotency markers as well as reducing teratoma formation.⁷

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PHYSICAL DATA

Solubility: DMSO (20 mg/ml)

Physical Description: Yellow solid

Storage and Stability: Store as supplied desiccated at -20°C for up to 1 year from the date of purchase. Solutions in

DMSO may be stored at -20°C for up to 1 month.

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