# **Product Information**



## Anastrozole

Item No. 11987

**CAS Registry No.:** 120511-73-1

Formal Name:  $\alpha^1, \alpha^1, \alpha^3, \alpha^3$ -tetramethyl-5-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-

1-ylmethyl)-1,3-benzenediacetonitrile

Synonyms: Anastrol, Arimidex™, ICI-D 1033, ZD 1033

 $C_{17}H_{19}N_5$ MF: FW: 293.4 **Purity:** ≥98%

Stability: ≥2 years at -20°C Supplied as: A crystalline solid

#### **Laboratory Procedures**

For long term storage, we suggest that anastrozole be stored as supplied at -20°C. It should be stable for at least two years. Anastrozole is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the anastrozole in the solvent of choice. Anastrozole is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide, which should be purged with an inert gas. The solubility of anastrozole in these solvents is approximately 20, 13, and 14 mg/ml, respectively.

Anastrozole is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, anastrozole should first be dissolved in ethanol and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. Anastrozole has a solubility of approximately 0.1 mg/ml in a 1:9 solution of ethanol:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

Anastrozole is a third generation aromatase inhibitor that has been shown to effectively eliminate the conversion of androgens to estrogens in peripheral tissues.  $^{1,2}$  It inhibits human placental aromatase in vitro with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 15 nM and at doses 100-200 times its maximally effective aromatase inhibitory dose, does not interfere with the biosynthesis of other steroids, including cholesterol, cortisol, and aldosterone.<sup>3</sup> Marketed under the trade name Arimidex™, anastrozole has been used to treat estrogen receptor-positive breast cancers in post-menopausal women.<sup>2</sup>

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