

**Z-LETD-FMK** 

Catalog number: 13307 Unit size: 1 mg

Component	Storage	Amount
Z-LETD-FMK	Freeze (< -15 °C), Minimize light exposure	1 mg

## **OVERVIEW**

Z-LETD-FMK is a cell permeable, irreversible caspase protease 8 inhibitor that binds to the catalytic site of caspase-8, which plays an important role in the induction of apoptosis. The binding of Z-LETD-FMK to caspase-8 inhibits the activity of this protease, enabling it to inhibit apoptotic events associated with caspase-8 activation. For inhibition of apoptosis, Z-LETD-FMK should be added at the same time that apoptosis is induced. Fluoromethyl ketone (FMK)-derivatized peptides act as effective irreversible inhibitors with no added cytotoxic effects.

#### PREPARATION OF STOCK SOLUTIONS

Unless otherwise noted, all unused stock solutions should be divided into single-use aliquots and stored at -20 °C after preparation. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles.

#### Z-LETD-FMK stock solution

Add appropriate amount of DMSO into Z-LETD-FMK to make 2-5 mM Z-LETD-FMK stock solution.

Note Store the unused Z-LETD-FMK stock solution at -20 °C in single use aliquots

## SAMPLE EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL

The following protocol can be used as a guideline and should be optimized according to your needs.

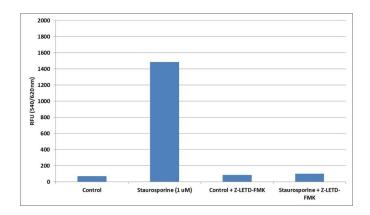
- 1. Treat your samples as desired to induce apoptosis.
- 2. Add Z-LETD-FMK along with the treatment of your choice.

**Note** We recommend using 10-100  $\mu$ M of final concentration of Z-LETD-FMK to inhibit caspase-8.

**Note** Optimal time and concentration for incubation needs to be determined experimentally.

- Stain samples as you desired.
- Monitor the fluorescence intensity with your choice of instrumentation.

#### **EXAMPLE DATA ANALYSIS AND FIGURES**



**Figure 1.** Inhibition of caspase 8 Activities in Jurkat cells with caspase 8 inhibitor Z-LETD-FMK (Cat.# 13307). Jurkat cells were seeded on the same day at 200,000 cells/90 μL/well in a Costar black wall/clear bottom 96-well plate. The cells were treated with or without 1 μM of staurosporine for 5 hours. The Z-LETD-FMK was added and co-incubated with staurosporine. The caspase-8 activity was detected with Cell Meter<sup>TM</sup> Caspase 8 Activity Apoptosis Assay Kit (Cat.# 22816). The fluorescence intensity was measured at Ex/Em = 540/620 nm (Cutoff = 610 nm) with Flexstation 3 fluorescence microplate reader (Molecular Devices).

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