Mechanism of Action

MOTS-C is a mitochondrial-derived peptide encoded by the mitochondrial genome. In research models, it has been shown to translocate to the nucleus during metabolic stress, activating AMPK-dependent pathways that regulate cellular metabolism. This peptide has demonstrated influence on glucose metabolism, fatty acid utilization, and cellular stress adaptation in experimental settings.

# **Laboratory Considerations**

- Store lyophilized powder at -20°C
- Reconstituted solutions should be stored at 4°C
- Avoid oxidizing agents during handling and experimentation

# Research Applications

- Cellular metabolism and mitochondrial function research
- Investigation of AMPK signaling pathways and metabolic stress responses
- Models examining glucose utilization and insulin sensitivity
- Research on cellular adaptations to metabolic stress and energy homeostasis

## Molecular Profile

- Chemical Formula: C<sub>75</sub>H<sub>125</sub>N<sub>23</sub>O<sub>23</sub>S
- Molecular Weight: 1,618.9 Da
- Sequence: Met-Arg-Trp-Gln-Glu-Met-Gly-Tyr-Ile-Phe-Tyr-Pro-Arg-Lys-Leu-Arg

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