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# ProductInformation

## Xylazine hydrochloride

Product Number X 1251 Storage Temperature -0 °C

### **Product Description**

Molecular Formula:  $C_{12}H_{16}N_2S \bullet HCI$ Molecular Weight: 256.8 CAS Number: 23076-35-9 Melting Point: 166-167 °C

Xylazine hydrochloride is an  $\alpha_2$ -adrenergic receptor agonist, sedative, and muscle relaxant. A solution of ketamine hydrochloride and xylazine hydrochloride (Product No. K 113) has been used together to produce rapid and reversible anesthesia in experimental animals.<sup>1</sup> Xylazine elicited a diuretic response in ketamine-anesthesized animals, probably through activation of complex peripheral and CNS  $\alpha_2$ -adrenergic receptor systems.<sup>2</sup> Xylazine hydrochloride did not discriminate among the four known  $\alpha_2$ -adrenergic receptor subtypes (A<B<C and D) in membranes of particular tissues.<sup>3</sup>

### **Precautions and Disclaimer**

For Laboratory Use Only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

### **Preparation Instructions**

Xylazine hyrochloride is soluble in water (greater than 175 mg/ml). A solution in water (50 mg/ml) is clear and colorless.

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