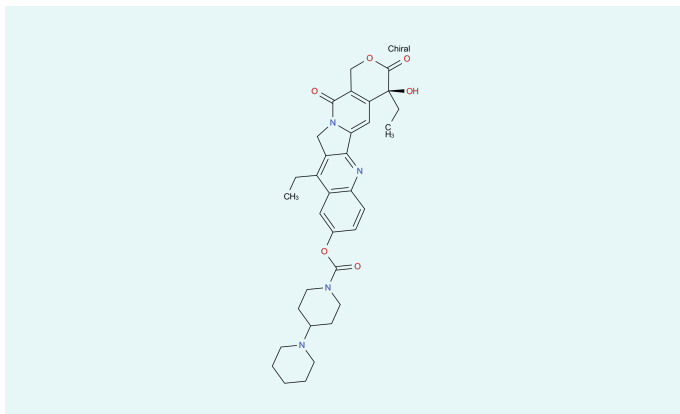


# Irinotecan base



## CAS

97682-44-5

## Status

Commercial

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Irinotecan base is a semi-synthetic derivative of camptothecin, an alkaloid of *Camptotheca acuminata*. It is a prodrug that is converted into a potent metabolite (SN-38). Irinotecan inhibits DNA topoisomerase I, which is often overactive in tumors. Non-growing cells are therefore not affected. It is used to treat metastatic colon carcinomas (in combination with 5-FU and folinic acid) and experimentally it is used against other tumors.

## Description

**Formula**  $C_{33}H_{38}N_4O_6$

**Molecular weight** 586.68 g/mol

**Molecular size** small

**Controlled Substance** no

**Precursor** no

**Indications** Antineoplastic drugs

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