

Cautions Regarding the Sale of Research Reagents Labeled as S-217622 (3CL protease inhibitor)

OSAKA, Japan, November, 24, 2021 - Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka, Japan; President and CEO: Isao Teshirogi, Ph.D. ; hereafter “Shionogi”) announced that there are concerns that some research reagent sales companies and their distributors sold a compound which was different from S-217622, an orally administered antiviral drug for COVID-19, as the same as S-217622.

S-217622 is a novel compound with 3CL protease inhibitory activity discovered by Shionogi. It was found that S-217622 was listed in the online catalog of the reagent sales company written together with "YH-53", which was 3CL protease inhibitor. Currently, the description has been deleted.

At this time, Shionogi does not disclose a structure of S-217622 or does not have a sales contract of S-217622 as a research reagent. Please be careful if you accidentally purchased it as a research reagent or if you were confused with YH-53.

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