

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Code No.: BIA-Z1424

Pack sizes: 1 mg, 5 mg

Synonyms : Squalestatin A, Squalestatin S1, L 694599

## Specifications

CAS # : 142561-96-4 Molecular Formula :  $C_{35}H_{46}O_{14}$  Molecular Weight : 690.7

Source : Unidentified fungus

Appearance : White to light tan solid

Purity : >98% by HPLC

Long Term Storage : -20°C

Solubility : Soluble in ethanol, methanol, DMF or DMSO. Moderate water solubility.

## **Application Notes**

Zaragozic acid A is the major metabolite of a class of unusual bicyclic tricarboxylic acids, produced by a number of fungi in the genera Curvularia, Exserohilum, Setosphaeria and others, discovered at Merck and Glaxo in the early 1990s. In nature, zaragozic acid A acts as a broad spectrum antifungal but its mode of action as an inhibitor of squalene synthase, involved in sterol biosynthesis, led to investigation as a cholesterol lowering agent. Zaragozic acid A prepared by BioAustralis is presented as the free acid rather than the tri-sodium salt to avoid stability problems associated with hydrolysis of the salt.

## References

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