

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Citrinin

Code: BIA-C1242

Pack sizes: 1 mg, 5 mg



Synonyms

Meleamycin, Antimycin, Monascidin A

Specifications

CAS #	:	518-75-2
Molecular Formula	:	C ₁₃ H ₁₄ O ₆
Molecular Weight	:	250.3
Source	:	Penicillum citrinum
Appearance	:	Yellow powder
Purity	:	> 99% by HPLC
Storage	:	-20°C
Solubility	:	Soluble in ethanol, methanol, DMF or DMSO. Limited water solubility.

Application Notes

Citrinin is a quinonemethine mycotoxin produced by diverse fungal genera, including *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium*. Citrinin has been extensively investigated. It is a potent nephrotoxin with hepatoxic and teratogenic activity. It is the causative agent of Balkan nephropathy and yellow rice fever in humans. At the molecular level, citrinin exhibits a range of effects including free radical damage to DNA and disruption to a wide variety of mitochrondrial membrane-bound enzymic activities and structural integrity. Specifically, citrinin is an inhibitor of NADH dehydrogenase in the mitochondrial electron transport chain and this action is responsible for recent reports of citrinin's apoptotic activity.

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