

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sterigmatocystin

Code: **BIA-S1213**

Pack sizes: 1 mg, 5 mg

Synonyms

Specifications

CAS # : 10048-13-2

Molecular Formula : $C_{18}H_{12}O_6$ Molecular Weight : 324.3

Source : Aspergillus versicolor MST-FP2032

Appearance : Pale yellow solid

Purity : > 95% Long Term Storage : - 20°C

Solubility : Soluble in DMF or DMSO. Sparingly soluble in methanol and ethanol with only

limited water solubility

Application Notes

Sterigmatocystin is a xanthone isolated by a number of groups in the 1950s as a mycotoxin produced by several species of Aspergillus associated with food and grain contamination. Sterigmatocystin is structurally related to the aflatoxins and while it is considered to be mutagenic, teratogenic and carcinogenic, it is less widespread and potent than the aflatoxins. Sterigmatocystin in the presence of microsomes covalently binds to DNA. It uncouples oxidative phosphorylation but, unlike the aflatoxins, does not induce mitochondrial swelling or hinder Ca²⁺-induced swelling of mitochondria. More recently, sterigmatocystin has been shown to be an inhibitor of acyl-CoA:cholesterol acyltransferase (ACAT) with selectivity for the ACAT2 isoenzyme.

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