

## Cerulenin PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Cerulenin

Product Number: C151

CAS Number: 17397-89-6
Molecular Formula: C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>

Molecular Weight: 223.3

**Appearance:** Off-white powder

Storage Conditions: -20°C

**Description:** Cerulenin is an epoxy fatty acid amide isolated from the fungus

Cephalosporium caerulens identified as an antifungal in the 1960s. Over the past 40 years, cerulenin has found broad application in lipid biochemistry as

an inhibitor fatty acid and sterol biosynthesis.

Cerulenin is soluble in ethanol, methanol, DMF and DMSO.

**Mechanism of Action:** Cerulenin binds to  $\beta$ -keto-acyl-ACP synthase blocking the interaction of

malonyl CoA. Cerulenin also an inhibits bacterial fatty acid synthesis, acting on the FabH, FabB and FabF condensation enzymes. Cerulenin stimulates fatty

acid oxidation and inhibits HMG-CoA synthetase activity.

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