

Questiomycin A PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Questiomycin A

Product Number: Q004

CAS Number: 1916-59-2 Molecular Formula: $C_{12}H_8N_2O_2$

Molecular Weight: 212.2

Appearance: Red to red brown solid

Storage Conditions: -20°C

Description: Questiomycin A is a phenoxazine produced by several Streptomyces species

and some fungi and bacteria. Questiomycin A is weakly active against bacteria, fungi, plants and tumor cell lines, and inhibits aromatase and

sulfatases. More recently, questiomycin A has been shown to inhibit pulmonary metastasis caused by mouse melanoma cells. Questiomycin A and related phenoxazines are important dereplication standards in discovery research to

eliminate leads due to high amounts of weakly potent actives.

Questiomycin A is soluble in ethanol, methanol, DMF and DMSO.

Mechanism of Action: Questiomycin stimulates cell growth and turnover in vitro, an activity possibly

related to their ability to form stable free radicals.

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