

Sterigmatocystin PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Sterigmatocystin

Product Number: \$103

CAS Number: 10048-13-2 Molecular Formula: $C_{18}H_{12}O_6$

Molecular Weight: 324.3

Appearance: Pale yellow solid

Storage Conditions: -20°C

Description: Sterigmatocystin is a xanthone produced by several species of Aspergillus,

isolated by a number of research groups in the 1950s as a mycotoxin

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 is soluble in DMF and DMSO and is moderately soluble in

methanol or ethanol.

Mechanism of Action: 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. Sterigmatocystin also inhibits acyl-CoA:cholesterol acyltransferase (ACAT)

with selectivity for the ACAT2 isoenzyme.

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