

Terrein PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name: Terrein

Product Number: T083

CAS Number: 582-46-7 Molecular Formula: $C_8H_{10}O_3$

Molecular Weight: 154.2

Appearance: Light tan solid

Storage Conditions: -20°C

Description: Terrein is a polar, substituted dihydrocyclopentenone first reported by Raistrick

and colleagues in the 1930s and subsequently found in a number of

Aspergillus and Penicillium species.

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

Mechanism of Action: Recent research shows that terrein reduces melanin synthesis by reducing

tyrosinase production via ERK activation, followed by MITF down-regulation. Terrein also reduces human keratinocyte proliferation by inhibiting ERK and by

decreasing the expression of cyclin B1 and Cdc2 complex.

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