Lovastatin (Mevinolin)
PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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Product Name:	Lovastatin (Mevinolin)
Product Number:	L013
CAS Number:	75330-75-5
Molecular Formula:	$C_{24}H_{36}O_5$
Molecular Weight:	404.54
Form:	Powder
Appearance:	White crystalline powder
Solubility:	Water: 0.4 µg/mL
Source:	*Monascus Ruber*
Optical Rotation:	+234° to +338°
Storage Conditions:	2-8°C
Description:	Lovastatin is a statin prodrug commonly used to combat hypercholesterolemia. Lovastatin inhibits HMG-CoA reductase, a significant enzyme involved in the cholesterol synthesis pathway. Lovastatin is insoluble in aqueous solution.
Mechanism of Action:	Lovastatin is an inhibitor of 3-hydroxy-3methylglutaryl-coenzyme A reductase (HMG-CoA reductase), an enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of HMG-CoA to mevalonate
Cancer Applications	Research has shown that statin drugs including lovastatin have been able to inhibit melanoma cell growth when high concentrations are used.
References:	Eustace, A. J., and et al. "The 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-coenzyme A Reductase Inhibitors, Simvastatin, Lovastatin and Mevastatin Inhibit Proliferation and Invasion of Melanoma Cells." *BMC Cancer* 8.9 (2008): *www.ncbi.gov*. 16 Jan. 2008. Web. 31 Aug. 2012.