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PRODUCT INFORMATION



5α-Androst-16-en-3α-ol

Item No. 33457

CAS Registry No.: 1153-51-1

Formal Name: $(3\alpha,5\alpha)$ -androst-16-en-3-ol Synonyms: Androstenol, E 281, NSC 71076

MF: $C_{19}H_{30}O$ FW: 274.4 **Purity:** ≥95%

Supplied as: A crystalline solid

Storage: -20°C Stability: ≥2 years

Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.

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 5α -Androst-16-en- 3α -ol is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the 5α -androst-16-en- 3α -ol in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. 5α-Androst-16-en-3α-ol is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide. The solubility of 5α -androst-16-en- 3α -ol in these solvents is approximately 30, 10, and 20 mg/ml, respectively.

Description

 5α -Androst-16-en- 3α -ol is a steroid pheromone that has been found in boar testes and human male axillary sweat and has diverse biological activities. 1,2 It enhances GABA-activated currents in primary mouse cerebellar granule cells (EC $_{50}$ = 0.4 $\mu\text{M}).^2$ 5 $\alpha\text{-Androst-16-en-3}\alpha\text{-ol}$ (0.1-1 $\mu\text{M})$ increases the amplitude of GABA-activated currents in HEK293 cells expressing human $\alpha_1\beta_2\gamma_2$ and $\alpha_2\beta_2\gamma_2$ subunit-containing GABA_A receptors. In vivo, 5α-androst-16-en-3α-ol (5-10 mg/kg) decreases immobility time in the forced swim test in mice. It increases time spent in the open arms of the elevated plus maze in mice, indicating anxiolytic-like activity, when administered at doses ranging from 30 to 50 mg/kg. 5α -Androst-16-en- 3α -ol protects against seizures induced by pentylenetetrazole (PTZ; Item No. 18682) or electroshock in mice (ED₅₀s = 48.9 and 21.9 mg/kg, respectively).

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WARNING
THIS PRODUCT IS FOR RESEARCH ONLY - NOT FOR HUMAN OR VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

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