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PRODUCT INFORMATION



Turkesterone (hydrate)

Item No. 34665

Formal Name: (2 β ,3 β ,5 β ,11 α ,22R)-2,3,11,14,20,22,25-heptahydroxy-cholest-7-en-6-one, hydrate

MF: C₂₇H₄₄O₈ • XH₂O

FW: 496.6

Purity: \geq 95%

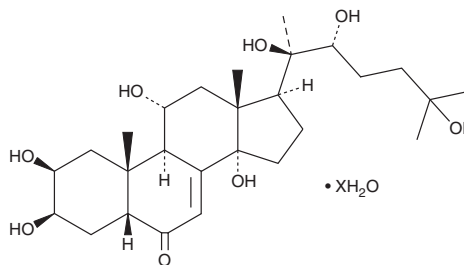
Supplied as: A solid

Storage: -20°C

Stability: \geq 2 years

Item Origin: Plant/*Ajuga turkestanica*

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



Laboratory Procedures

Turkesterone (hydrate) is supplied as a solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the turkesterone (hydrate) in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. Turkesterone (hydrate) is slightly soluble in DMSO and methanol.

Description

Turkesterone is a phytoecdysteroid that has been found in *A. turkestanica* and has diverse biological activities.¹ It binds to the ecdysteroid receptor ($K_D = 0.491 \mu\text{M}$ for the *C. tentans* receptor) and induces pupariation in *G. mellonella*, *S. bullata*, and *D. vulpinus* last instar larvae (ED_{50} s = 10, 0.03, and 0.2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{larvae}$, respectively).^{2,3} Turkesterone scavenges DPPH (Item No. 14805) radicals in a cell-free assay ($IC_{50} = 140.92 \mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) and is cytotoxic to HeLa cervical, HepG2 hepatic, and MCF-7 breast cancer cells (IC_{50} s = 75.2, 63.01, and 105.2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$, respectively).¹ It decreases serum glucose levels and increases serum insulin and C-peptide levels in a rat model of diabetes induced by alloxan (Item No. 9002196) when administered at a dose of 10 mg/kg.⁴ Turkesterone prevents immobilization stress-induced stomach ulcers in mice.⁵

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