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# **Flavokawain A Datasheet**

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5<sup>th</sup> Edition (Revised in January, 2017)

#### [Product Information]

Name: Flavokawain A

Catalog No.: CFN98446

Cas No.: 3420-72-2

**Purity:** > 95%

**M.F:** C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

**M.W:** 314.3

Physical Description: Yellow powder

**Synonyms:**2'-Hydroxy-4,4',6'-trimethoxy-trans-chalcone.

## [ Intended Use ]

- 1. Reference standards;
- 2. Pharmacological research;
- 3. Food research;
- 4. Synthetic precursor compounds;
- 5. Intermediates & Fine Chemicals;
- 6. Others.

## [Source]

The roots of Piper methysticum.

#### [Biological Activity or Inhibitors]

Flavokawain A may exert anti-inflammatory responses by suppressing LPS-induced expression of pro-inflammatory mediators via blockage of NF-κB-AP-1-JNK/p38 MAPK signaling pathways in the murine macrophages.<sup>[1]</sup>

Flavokawain A has anti-cancer properties, it induces apoptosis in MCF-7 and MDA-MB231 and inhibits the metastatic process in vitro.<sup>[2]</sup>

Flavokawain A can inhibit the anchorage-dependent and independent growth of breast cancer cell lines and cause G2M arrest via down-regulation of Cdc2 inhibitors: Myt1 and Wee1.<sup>[3]</sup>

Flavokawain A and B can stimulate splenocyte proliferation, the secretion of IL-2 and TNF- $\alpha$  and raise the population of T cell subsets without significantly altering the level of several serum biochemical parameters, thus, they could serve as potential immune-modulator drugs without causing any toxicity.<sup>[4]</sup>

#### [ Solvent ]

Chloroform, Dichloromethane, Ethyl Acetate, DMSO, Acetone, etc.

# [ HPLC Method ]

Not data available.

# [Storage]

2-8°C, Protected from air and light, refrigerate or freeze.

# [ <u>References</u> ]

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