Natural Products



Coumestrol Datasheet

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[Product Information]

Name: Coumestrol

Catalog No.: CFN96040

Cas No.: 479-13-0

Purity: >=95%

M.F: C₁₅H₈O₅

M.W: 268.2

Physical Description: Yellow powder

Synonyms: 3,9-Dihydroxy-6H-benzofuro(3,2-c)(1)benzopyran-6-one;

3-Benzofurancarboxylic acid, 2-(2,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-6-hydroxy-, delta-lactone (6CI).

[Intended Use]

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

[Source]

The herbs of Erythrina arborescens.



[Biological Activity or Inhibitors]

Coumestrol, a naturally occurring phytoestrogen , is an antagonist of the nuclear receptor PXR (NR1I2).^[1]

Exposure to cournestrol may modulate estrogen receptor beta (ERbeta)-dependent processes by acting as an anti-estrogen at ERbeta, but results from cell transfection assays which suggest an estrogenic activity of cournestrol on ERbeta; indicating that the mode of action may be tissue specific, or that metabolism of dietary cournestrol may alter its effects.^[2]

The phytoestrogen cournestrol has estrogenic actions on peripheral reproductive tissues, yet it has anti-estrogenic actions in the brain and pituitary and that ERalpha mediates these effects. ^[3]

Cournestrol has an inhibitory effect on the differentiation of osteoclasts, at least partially via ERK1/2 pathway.^[4]

[Solvent]

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

[HPLC Method]^[5]

Mobile phase: 0.1% Acetic acid in water- Acetonitrile,gradient elution ; Flow rate: 1.0 ml/min; Column temperature: Room Temperature; The wave length of determination: 254 nm.

[Storage]

 $2-8^{\circ}$ C, Protected from air and light, refrigerate or freeze.

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