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Product Information

4-Phenylphenol

Product Number **13,434-1**
Store at Room Temperature

Replacement for Product Number H 7751

Product Description

Molecular Formula: C₁₂H₁₀O
Molecular Weight: 170.2
CAS Number: 92-69-3
Melting point: 164-165 °C¹
Boiling point: 305-308 °C¹
Synonyms: p-phenylphenol; 4-hydroxydiphenyl;
biphenyl-4-ol; [1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol¹

4-Phenylphenol is a compound that is an intermediate in the manufacture of resins.¹ It is also an oxidation by-product that may be formed during the manufacturing of phenol. *In vivo*, 4-phenylphenol may undergo glucuronidation modification by a 4-hydroxybiphenyl UDP-glucuronyltransferase, which has been isolated from bovine liver microsomes.² 4-Phenylphenol has also been used as a sole carbon source to support the growth of *Pseudomonas* sp. strain FH12.³

4-Phenylphenol has also been investigated for its ability to mimic the effects of natural steroid hormones. A study in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* of the structural features of phenolic compounds, including 4-phenylphenol, that contribute to their estrogenic effects has been reported.⁴ 4-Phenylphenol and other aromatic compounds have been used in a study of MCF-7 cells to probe their effects on estrogen receptor binding, cell proliferation and regulation of estrogen sensitive proteins.⁵ An HPLC assay for the detection of 4-phenylphenol and its metabolites after reaction in the presence of rat liver cells, human liver cells, and kidney cells has been published.⁶

Precautions and Disclaimer

For Laboratory Use Only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in methanol (50 mg/ml), yielding a clear, colorless solution.

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