



Product Information

Piceatannol

Product Number **P 0453**

Store Temperature 2-8 °C

Product Description

Molecular Formula: C₁₄H₁₂O₄

Molecular Weight: 244.2

CAS Number: 10083-24-6

Synonyms: (E)-4-[2-(3,5-Dihydroxyphenyl)ethenyl]-1,2-benzenediol, 3,3',4,5'-Tetrahydroxy-trans-stilbene

Piceatannol is a metabolite that occurs in the plant *Euphorbia lagascae*.¹ It is a tetrahydroxystilbene and an analog of resveratrol that has been investigated for its potential antioxidant activities.² A report on the cell and enzyme based *in vitro* screening of potential cancer chemopreventive agents, including piceatannol, has been published.³

Piceatannol has been shown to interfere with the cytokine signaling pathway, notably in the inhibition of the Syk nonreceptor kinases.^{4,5} It has inhibitory activity against various enzymes, such as c-Jun N-terminal kinase, the p40 tyrosine kinase, and mitochondrial F₀F₁-ATPase.^{6,7,8} Piceatannol has been shown to interfere with the antigen presenting capacity of interferon γ treated mouse mast cells.⁹ It also inhibits the activation of NF κ B in human cultured cells, after treatment of with various inflammatory agents, through inhibition of I κ B α kinase and p65 phosphorylation.¹⁰

Precautions and Disclaimer

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

Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in ethanol (10 mg/ml), yielding a clear, faint yellow to yellow solution. It is also soluble in DMSO (10 mg/ml). The solubility in water is more limited (0.5 mg/ml).

Storage/Stability

This product is photosensitive and should be stored protected from light.

References

1. Ferrigni, N. R., et al., Use of potato disc and brine shrimp bioassays to detect activity and isolate piceatannol as the antileukemic principle from the seeds of *Euphorbia lagascae*. J. Nat. Prod., **47(2)**, 347-352 (1984).
2. Lee, S. K., et al., Evaluation of the antioxidant potential of natural products. Comb. Chem. High Throughput Screen., **1(1)**, 35-46 (1998).
3. Gerhauser, C., et al., Mechanism-based *in vitro* screening of potential cancer chemopreventive agents. Mutat. Res., **523-524**, 163-172 (2003).
4. Peters, J. D., et al., Syk, activated by cross-linking the B-cell antigen receptor, localizes to the cytosol where it interacts with and phosphorylates α tubulin on tyrosine. J. Biol. Chem., **271(9)**, 4755-4762 (1996).
5. Barat, C., and Tremblay, M. J., Treatment of human T cells with bisperoxovanadium phosphotyrosyl phosphatase inhibitors leads to activation of cyclooxygenase-2 gene. J. Biol. Chem., **278(9)**, 6992-7000 (2003).
6. Cambien, B., et al., Src-regulated extracellular signal-related kinase and Syk-regulated c-Jun N-terminal kinase pathways act in conjunction to induce IL-1 synthesis in response to microtubule disruption in HL60 cells. J. Immunol., **163(9)**, 5079-5085 (1999).
7. Geahlen, R. L., and McLaughlin, J. L., Piceatannol (3,4,3',5'-tetrahydroxy-trans-stilbene) is a naturally occurring protein-tyrosine kinase inhibitor. Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun., **165(1)**, 241-245 (1989).

8. Zheng, J., and Ramirez, V. D., Piceatannol, a stilbene phytochemical, inhibits mitochondrial FOF1-ATPase activity by targeting the F1 complex. *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.*, **261(2)**, 499-503 (1999).
9. Tkaczyk, C., et al., FcεRI-mediated antigen endocytosis turns interferon-γ-treated mouse mast cells from inefficient into potent antigen-presenting cells. *Immunology*, **97(2)**, 333-340 (1999).
10. Ashikawa, K., et al., Piceatannol inhibits TNF-induced NF-κB activation and NF-κB-mediated gene expression through suppression of IκBα kinase and p65 phosphorylation. *J. Immunol.*, **169(11)**, 6490-6497 (2002).

GCY/NSB 10/03

Sigma brand products are sold through Sigma-Aldrich, Inc.

Sigma-Aldrich, Inc. warrants that its products conform to the information contained in this and other Sigma-Aldrich publications. Purchaser must determine the suitability of the product(s) for their particular use. Additional terms and conditions may apply. Please see reverse side of the invoice or packing slip.