



Product Information

Muristerone A

Product Number **M 7888**
Storage Temperature -0 °C

Product Description

Molecular Formula: C₂₇H₄₄O₈
Molecular Weight: 496.6
CAS Number: 38778-30-2
Melting Point: 238-240 °C
Specific Rotation: +49.6° (10 mg/ml, pyridine, 20 °C)
Synonyms: 2β,3β,5β,11α,14α,20R,22R-heptahydroxycholest-7-en-6-one; MurA

Muristerone A (MurA) is a phytoecdysone compound that occurs naturally in the kaladana plant *Ipomoea calonyction* Hallier f. sp. nova.^{1,2} MurA has been shown to participate in insect development through the mediation of nuclear hormone receptors, Ultraspiracle and the ecdysone receptor.³ In particular, MurA causes Ultraspiracle to form a heterodimer which complexes with the ecdysone receptor.⁴

MurA has been used to induce expression of genes in ecdysone-inducible system expression vectors, without detrimental effects in mammalian cell cultures and in transgenic mice.^{5,6} MurA has also been utilized to induce gene expression in a chimeric ecdysone receptor system in monocotyledonous plant cells.⁷ The use of MurA to induce nerve growth factor release in genetically engineered dermal fibroblasts that contain an ecdysone-inducible system has been described.⁸

Precautions and Disclaimer

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

Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in pyridine (10 mg/ml), yielding a clear, colorless to faint yellow solution. It is also soluble in methanol (1 mg/ml) and ethanol (0.5 mg/ml).⁹

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