



## Product Information

### Atractyloside potassium salt

Product Number **A 6882**  
Store at Room Temperature

#### Product Description

Molecular Formula:  $C_{30}H_{44}O_{16}S_2K_2$

Molecular Weight: 803.0

CAS Number: 102130-43-8

Synonym: (2 $\beta$ ,4 $\alpha$ ,15 $\alpha$ )-15-hydroxy-2-[[2-O-(e-methyl-1-oxobutyl)-3,4-di-O-sulfo- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl]oxy]-19-norkaur-16-en-18-oic acid dipotassium salt<sup>1</sup>

Atractyloside is an extremely toxic glucoside that is obtained from the Mediterranean thistle *Atractylis gummifera*.<sup>1</sup> It inhibits oxidative phosphorylation by blocking the transfer of adenosine nucleotides through the mitochondrial membrane by the transport protein ATP-ADP translocase.<sup>2,3</sup> Atractyloside binds to the ATP-ADP translocase after the protein has off-loaded its ATP into the cytosol and before it binds an ADP for transport into the mitochondrial matrix space.<sup>4</sup> A protocol for the measurement of mitochondrial transmembrane potential in cells and in isolated mitochondria, including the use of atractyloside as one example of apoptotic induction, has been described.<sup>5</sup>

Atractyloside has been used to probe the source of procaspase 8 in human fibroblasts and mouse clonal striatal cells, as related to death receptor-mediated apoptosis.<sup>6</sup> Atractyloside induces the release of a hyaluronidase-induced murine WW domain-containing oxidoreductase from cultured COS-7 cells, with respect to tumor necrosis factor cytotoxicity.<sup>7</sup>

An LC-MS/MS analysis of protein fractions isolated from atractyloside-treated mitochondria has been described.<sup>8</sup> The inhibition of atractyloside-induced toxicity against rat renal cortical slices *in vitro* by various compounds, including calpain inhibitor I, has been studied.<sup>9</sup>

#### Precautions and Disclaimer

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

#### Preparation Instructions

This product is soluble in water (20 mg/ml), yielding a clear, very faint yellow solution. The maximum solubility of this product in water is approximately 25 mg/ml at 40 °C.

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