# **PRODUCT** INFORMATION



## Bufalin

Item No. 15725

CAS Registry No.:	465-21-4	0
Formal Name:	(3β,5β)-3,14-dihydroxy-bufa-20,22-dienolide	0-4
Synonym:	NSC 89595	
MF:	$C_{24}H_{34}O_{4}$	_
FW:	386.5	
Purity:	≥98%	
UV/Vis.:	λ <sub>max</sub> : 202, 299 nm	
Supplied as:	A crystalline solid	Í Í Í ŌH
Storage:	-20°C	HO
Stability:	≥4 years	H
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### Laboratory Procedures

Bufalin is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the bufalin in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. Bufalin is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide. The solubility of bufalin in these solvents is approximately 15, 5, and 25 mg/ml, respectively.

Bufalin is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, bufalin should first be dissolved in ethanol and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. Bufalin has a solubility of approximately 0.3 mg/ml in a 1:2 solution of ethanol:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

### Description

Bufalin is a cardiotonic steroid first isolated from toad venom and used in traditional Asian medicine.<sup>1,2</sup> It inhibits the Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup>-ATPase transporter (K<sub>d</sub>s = 42, 45, and 40 nM for the  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ , and  $\alpha_3$  subunits, respectively).<sup>3</sup> Intravenously administered bufalin is cleared rapidly, with a plasma half-life of 25 minutes in dogs and rats.<sup>4</sup> Bufalin inhibits steroid receptor coactivator 1 (SRC-1) and SRC-3 at doses as low as 5 nM, promotes the degradation of SRC-3 protein, and inhibits cancer cell growth both in vitro and in vivo.<sup>5</sup> It can also impact the action and expression of several other proteins and kinases as well as induce apoptosis in various cancer cells.<sup>6,7</sup>

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WARNING THIS PRODUCT IS FOR RESEARCH ONLY - NOT FOR HUMAN OR VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC OR THERAPEUTIC USE.

#### SAFFTY DATA

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