PRODUCT INFORMATION



Flavokawain B

Item No. 19652

CAS Registry No.: 1775-97-9

Formal Name: (2E)-1-(2-hydroxy-4,6-dimethoxyphenyl)-

3-phenyl-2-propen-1-one

Synonym: Flavokavain B MF: C₁₇H₁₆O₄ 284.3 FW: **Purity:** ≥98% UV/Vis.:

 λ_{max} : 339 nm Supplied as: A crystalline solid

Storage: -20°C Stability: ≥4 years

Information represents the product specifications. Batch specific analytical results are provided on each certificate of analysis.

Laboratory Procedures

Flavokawain B is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the flavokawain B in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. Flavokawain B is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide. The solubility of flavokawain B in these solvents is approximately 10, 50, and 30 mg/ml, respectively.

Description

Flavokawain B is a natural chalcone first isolated from extracts of kava roots. It induces apoptosis in androgen receptor-negative, hormone-refractory prostate cancer cell lines (IC $_{50}$ S = 32, 48, 6.2, and 3.9 μ M for LAPC4, LNCaP, PC-3, and DU145 cells, respectively, treated for 48 hours), with increased expression of the proapoptotic protein Bim. Flavokawain B increases Bim expression and inhibits growth of DU145 xenografts in mice. It also increases Bim expression, promotes apoptosis, and induces cell cycle arrest in uterine leiomyosarcoma cells.² However, flavokawain B is hepatotoxic, triggering oxidative stress, inhibiting NF-κB signaling, and activating MAPK pathways, culminating in HepG2 and L-02 cell death (LD₅₀s = 15 and 32 μM, respectively).³

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

This material should be considered hazardous until further information becomes available. Do not ingest, inhale, get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Before use, the user must review the complete Safety Data Sheet, which has been sent via email to your institution.

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