# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## **Brucine**

Item No. 27221

CAS Registry No.: 357-57-3

Formal Name: 2,3-dimethoxy-strychnidin-10-one

Synonym: 2,3-Dimethoxystrychnine

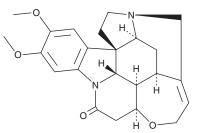
MF:  $C_{23}H_{26}N_2O_4$ FW: 394.5 **Purity:** ≥98%

 $\lambda_{max}$ : 210, 264, 304 nm A crystalline solid UV/Vis.: Supplied as:

Storage: -20°C Stability: ≥4 years

Item Origin: Plant/Strychnos nux-vomica seeds

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



## **Laboratory Procedures**

Brucine is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the brucine in the solvent of choice. Brucine is soluble in organic solvents such as chloroform and acetonitrile, which should be purged with an inert gas. The solubility of brucine in these solvents is approximately 30 and 10 mg/ml, respectively.

#### Description

Brucine is an alkaloid that has been found in the seeds of the S. nux-vomica tree and has diverse biological activities, including anti-inflammatory, anticancer, and antioxidant properties. 1 It inhibits prostaglandin E2 (PGE<sub>2</sub>; Item No. 14010) production induced by LPS in vitro.<sup>2</sup> Topical administration of brucine decreases synoviocyte proliferation and reduces paw and joint swelling in a rat model of adjuvant-induced arthritis and decreases swelling in a mouse model of xylene-induced ear edema. Brucine (4 and 8 mg/kg per day) reduces tumor incidence, number, and volume in a rat model of mammary gland tumorigenesis induced by 7,12-dimethylbenz(a)anthracene (DMBA).<sup>1</sup> It prevents decreases in superoxide dismutase (SOD), catalase (CAT), and glutathione peroxidase (GPX) activity and increases the level of glutathione (GSH) in mammary tissues, as well as reduces markers of lipid peroxidation in plasma and mammary tissue. Brucine also allosterically enhances the effect of low, but not high, concentrations of acetylcholine at M<sub>1</sub> muscarinic acetylcholine receptors.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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