# PRODUCT INFORMATION



# (Z)-Guggulsterone

Item No. 71800

CAS Registry No.: 39025-23-5

Formal Name: pregna-4, 17Z(20)-diene-3,16-

dione

MF:  $C_{21}H_{28}O_2$ FW: 312.5 **Purity:** ≥95%

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.

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## **Laboratory Procedures**

(Z)-Guggulsterone is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the (Z)-guggulsterone in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. (Z)-Guggulsterone is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of (Z)-guggulsterone in these solvents is approximately 1, 0.25, and 10 mg/ml, respectively.

(Z)-Guggulsterone is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, (Z)-guggulsterone should first be dissolved in DMF and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. (Z)-Guggulsteronehas a solubility of approximately 0.2 mg/ml in a 1:4 solution of DMF:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

### Description

Bile acids are essential for solubilization and transport of dietary lipids, are the major products of cholesterol catabolism, and are physiological ligands for farnesoid X receptor (FXR), a nuclear receptor that regulates genes involved in lipid metabolism. They are also inherently cytotoxic, as physiological imbalance contributes to increased oxidative stress.<sup>2,3</sup> Bile acid-controlled signaling pathways are promising novel targets to treat such metabolic diseases as obesity, type II diabetes, hyperlipidemia, and atherosclerosis. Guggulsterone, derived from resin of the guggul tree, is a competitive antagonist of FXR both in vitro and in vivo.4 The trans stereoisomer of guggulsterone, (Z)-guggulsterone, decreases chenodeoxycholic acid (CDCA)-induced FXR activation with an IC<sub>50</sub> value of 17  $\mu$ M.<sup>5,6</sup> By inhibiting CDCA-induced transactivation of FXR, guggulsterone lowers low-density lipoprotein cholesterol and triglyceride levels in rodents fed a high cholesterol diet.<sup>4</sup> While both cis and trans stereoisomers have been shown to directly decrease hepatic cholesterol, the Z isomer is the most studied. (Z)-Guggulsterone demonstrates antitumor-promoting effects inhibiting both constitutive and interleukin-6-induced STAT3 activation in human multiple myeloma cells and suppressing the VEGF-VEGF/R2-Akt signaling axis in DU145 human prostate cancer cells.<sup>7,8</sup>

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

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