# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## **Yangonin**

Item No. 14351

CAS Registry No.: 500-62-9

Formal Name: 4-methoxy-6-[(1E)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)

ethenyl]-2H-pyran-2-one

MF: 258.3 FW:  $C_{15}H_{14}O_4$ ≥98% **Purity:** 

 $\lambda_{max}$ : 218, 267, 357 nm UV/Vis.: 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**

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

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

## Description

Yangonin is a natural kavalactone from the kava plant, P. methysticum<sup>1</sup>. It enhances the binding of bicuculline at the  $\gamma$ -amino butyric acid (GABA) receptor GABA<sub>A</sub> at 1.0  $\mu$ M. Yangonin also binds the central cannabinoid (CB<sub>1</sub>) receptor with a K<sub>i</sub> value of 0.72 μM.<sup>2</sup> Yangonin also blocks the activation of NF-κB by TNF-a.3 It also inhibits anchorage-dependent and independent growth of bladder cancer cell lines through induction of autophagic cell death (IC<sub>50</sub>s = 15-59 mg/ml).<sup>4</sup>

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WARNING
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