# PRODUCT INFORMATION



## **B-Lapachone**

Item No. 15021

**CAS Registry No.:** 4707-32-8

Formal Name: 3,4-dihydro-2,2-dimethyl-2H-

naphtho[1,2-b]pyran-5,6-dione

Synonyms: ARQ 501, NSC 26326, NSC 629749,

SL 11001

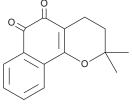
MF:  $C_{15}H_{14}O_3$ FW: 242.3 **Purity:** 

UV/Vis.:  $\lambda_{max}$ : 213, 256, 263, 279 nm

Supplied as: A crystalline solid

-20°C Storage: Stability: ≥4 years

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



### **Laboratory Procedures**

 $\beta$ -Lapachone is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the  $\beta$ -lapachone in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. β-Lapachone is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of β-lapachone in these solvents is approximately 3.3, 5, and 10 mg/ml, respectively.

β-Lapachone is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, β-lapachone should first be dissolved in DMF and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. β-Lapachone has a solubility of approximately 0.50 mg/ml in a 1:1 solution of DMF:PBS (pH 7.2) using this method. We do not recommend storing the aqueous solution for more than one day.

#### Description

β-Lapachone is a natural quinone with diverse anti-cancer and anti-inflammatory effects. It inhibits topoisomerase I at 25  $\mu$ M and transglutaminase (IC<sub>50</sub> = 5  $\mu$ M).<sup>1,2</sup> In cancer cells which overexpress NAD(P)H:quinone oxidoreductase, β-lapachone is reduced to β-lapachone hydroquinone, which generates reactive oxygen species during its reversion to β-lapachone.<sup>3</sup> This process sensitizes cancer cells to radiation, suppresses NF-κB activation, and drives apoptosis.<sup>3-5</sup>

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