# PRODUCT INFORMATION



# **Artemisinic Acid**

Item No. 25059

CAS Registry No.: 80286-58-4

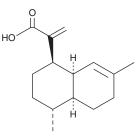
Formal Name: 1R,2,3,4R,4aS,5,6,8aR-octahydro-4,7-dimethyl-

α-methylene-1-naphthaleneacetic acid

Synonym: Artemisic Acid MF:  $C_{15}H_{22}O_2$ FW: 234.3 **Purity:** ≥98% UV/Vis.:  $\lambda_{max}$ : 333 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**

Artemisinic acid is supplied as a crystalline solid. A stock solution may be made by dissolving the artemisinic acid in the solvent of choice, which should be purged with an inert gas. Artemisinic acid is soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF). The solubility of artemisinic acid in these solvents is approximately 16, 10, and 20 mg/ml, respectively.

Artemisinic acid is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers. For maximum solubility in aqueous buffers, artemisinic acid should first be dissolved in DMF and then diluted with the aqueous buffer of choice. Artemisinic acid has a solubility of approximately 0.5 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

Artemisinic acid is a sesquiterpene that has been isolated from A. annua.<sup>1</sup> It has been used in the synthesis of the antimalarial agent artemisinin (Item No. 11816).<sup>2</sup> Artemisinic acid (50-400 μM) decreases triglyceride levels and glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GPDH) activity in human adipose tissue-derived mesenchymal stem cells (hAMSCs) in a dose-dependent manner and inhibits adipocyte differentiation when used at a concentration of 200 μM.3 It reduces mRNA expression and protein levels of C/ΕΒΡα, C/ΕΒΡδ, and PPARy as well as the ratio of phosphorylated JNK to JNK in hAMSCs. Artemisinic acid also decreases C/EBPa and HMG-CoA reductase mRNA expression and inhibits cholesterol synthesis and melanogenesis in human epidermal melanocytes.4

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

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