

## Product Data Sheet

Product Name:  $\beta$ -Asarone

Cat. No.: GC40574

### Chemical Properties

Cas. No. 5273-86-9

SMILES COC1=CC(/C=C\C)=C(OC)C=C1OC

Formula C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

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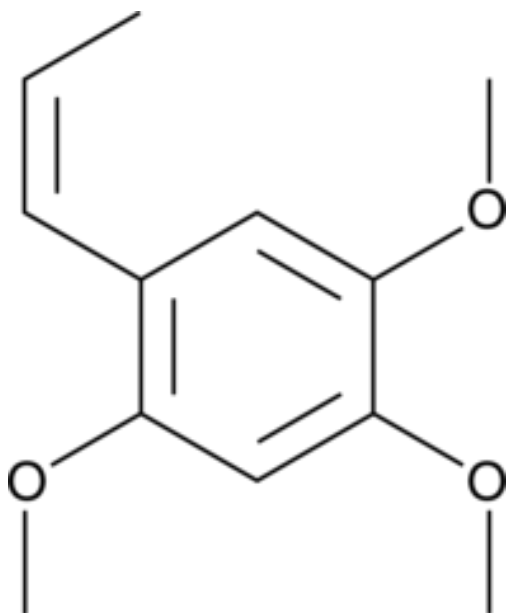
Solubility DMF: 16 mg/ml, DMF:PBS(pH 7.2) (1:1): 0.5 mg/ml, DMSO: 11 mg/ml, Ethanol: 14 mg/ml

Storage 4°C, protect from light

General tips For obtaining a higher solubility, please warm the tube at 37 °C and shake it in the ultrasonic bath for a while. Stock solution can be stored below -20°C for several months.

Shipping Condition Evaluation sample solution: ship with blue ice. All other available size: ship with RT, or blue ice upon request.

Structure



### Protocol

Cell experiment [1]:

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Cell lines                      A spontaneously immortalized rat Schwann cell line RSC96

RSC96 cells treated with 0, 5, 10, and 20  $\mu$ M  $\beta$ -asarone for 2, 4, and 6 d. Cells Preparation Method were digested by 0.25% trypsin and then resuspended in PBS containing 60  $\mu$ g/mL proteinase K for 6 h at 60°C.

Reaction Conditions 0, 5, 10, and 20  $\mu$ M for 2, 4, and 6 d

Applications                      Cells cultured with  $\beta$ -asarone grew faster than those in the control group. Among the three concentrations, 10- $\mu$ M  $\beta$ -asarone exhibited the strongest promoting effect on cell growth in the same time point of culture.

### Animal experiment [2]:

Animal models                      adult Wistar rats

The animals were separated into five groups of ten rats each. The first group served as sham (SHAM). The second group was the ischemic group (MCAO). Group I and group II were treated orally by distilled water for 30 days Preparation Method respectively. Group III ( $\beta$ -Asarone-10), Group IV ( $\beta$ -Asarone-20) and Group V ( $\beta$ -Asarone-30) were treated orally by  $\beta$ -Asarone (10, 20 and 30 mg/kg/day, respectively) for 30 days followed by middle cerebral artery occlusion (MCAO) induced cerebral ischemia.

Dosage form                      10, 20 and 30 mg/kg/day, oral, for 30 days.

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**Applications**      The  $\beta$ -Asarone-20 group and  $\beta$ -Asarone-30 group significantly suppressed the development of behavioral abnormality as compared with the MCAO group.

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### Background

$\beta$ -Asarone is a major component of *Acorus tatarinowii* Schott rhizomes, has significant pharmacological effects on the central nervous system (CNS) [1-3].  $\beta$ -Asarone could pass the blood-brain barrier (BBB) [4].  $\beta$ -asarone inhibits MAO-A ( $IC_{50} = 142 \pm 18 \mu M$ ), and MAO-B ( $IC_{50} = 362 \pm 43 \mu M$ ).

$\beta$ -Asarone (30  $\mu g/mL$ ) potentiates the nerve growth factor (NGF)-induced neuronal differentiation through the phosphorylation of CREB by the activation of protein kinase-A pathway in PC12 cells [6].  $\beta$ -Asarone had neuroprotective activity in LPS activated BV-2 microglia cells and depression [2,7-8].

$\beta$ -Asarone (20 and 30 mg/kg/d) improved the neurological outcome after cerebral ischemia and reperfusion in terms of neurobehavioral function in rats [9].  $\beta$ -Asarone improves cognitive function by suppressing neuronal apoptosis in the beta-amyloid hippocampus injection rats. [10].

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